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(Editor's note: In order to conserve space, the Proceedings of the Convention are presented in narrative style, with details of some discussion and certain irrelevant matters "off the record.")

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The convention was called to order by President V. Leon Belt. The President requested that the General Secretary read the list of members deceased during the year, and following the reading of the list, the members in attendance stood for a moment of silent prayer. The list is as follows:

IN MEMORIAM

We pause in the presence of Almighty God to pay this brief but sincere moment of respect to the memory of our friends and associates who have been called from us during the past year. Their loss to us is very real and their places among us will be hard to fill. We have taken up their unfinished tasks and will attempt to complete them as best we can. Members called to their eternal homes during the past year are as follows

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| 473 Burdette G. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo. | 6415 Oliver F. Zinn, Milwaukee, Wisc. |

First Vice President Damon G. Douglas was requested to assume the Chair and he invited President Belt to submit his report. Upon its conclusion, it was moved and carried that the report be accepted with thanks and the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Resolutions Committee. President Belt then resumed the Chair.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This is the 56th celebration of our founding and the first Convention to be held under our newly adopted plans.

About a year ago your Board decided to make definite rules for the holding of all future conventions. Most of our past Conventions have been very satisfactory and met with full general approval but once in a while, unfortunately, we had a convention that did not give complete satisfaction. In an effort to overcome these failures your Board decided to set out definite rules, regulations or suggestions, for the guidance of host clubs and this is the first fully planned convention to be held under this new plan. You, of course, are the sole judges of its success or failure and whether or not the plan is continued will depend entirely upon your reactions to this convention.

Buffalo is doing herself proud in acting as your host and if you fail to have one of the grandest times of your life I feel sure it will not be due to any fault on the part of the Buffalo Numismatic Association. Ever since the last convention they have been devoting a great part of their time to this Convention and plans for your entertainment. Such careful planning cannot help but bear fruit and I hope you will all express your personal appreciation to General Chairman Wild and his corps of efficient helpers.

When I took office as your President two years ago, I had many plans for what I hoped would be betterments in association activity. I felt that additional stress should be placed on certain Association endeavors and that definite plans should be laid for future development. Due to conditions entirely beyond my control some of these plans are still undeveloped but many have been adopted. I am of the opinion that more work will be done on others in the immediate future, and, that as a whole, marked progress has been made.

During the year special attention was given to the appointments of District and Assistant District Secretaries so as to obtain a much broader coverage. During the World War it was almost impossible to make foreign appointments but we now have a ~~very~~ fine and fairly complete coverage.

Our representatives have done a most remarkable job in keeping our Association aims and ideals before collectors and as a result we now have the largest membership in our history. At the present time I can see no reason why we cannot soon reach the ten thousand mark.

The District Secretaries have organized a splendid Club of their own and I look for much better understanding and cooperation as a direct result thereof. They will hold their second annual meeting during this Convention.

Our library under the expert and efficient management of Librarian Hammer has greatly increased its usefulness as well as its volume. I do not believe that our members realize the great amount of time and labor this project consumes. Hundreds of seemingly simple requests grow into great time consumers when our Librarian is asked to seek out and forward information that applies more or less directly to some special subject. Many members seem to think that the Librarian, himself, is a storehouse of universal knowledge that can be tapped at any time for such information as they may desire. We all owe a great debt of appreciation to "Ted" and his most valuable assistant, Mrs. Hammer, for the many, many hours they devote to our cause. They seem to love the work but I'm sure they would appreciate members making a more personal investigation of the Library Directory or Index and asking for definite books rather than general information.

Our great library is constantly growing, too. Books are purchased directly by the Librarian but in addition many donations are made and as a result the library is expanding faster than we could afford if it were not for the generosity of members and friends. On behalf of our entire membership I want to thank all donors for the many remembrances during the past year.

During the past year we renewed the Trade Mark on our publication "The Numismatist." This action protects us in the use of this title for years to come. I am recommending to our Board the registration in Canada, also.

A Life Members' Club was formed a year ago and they will enjoy their first general meeting during this Convention. I am informed that a special program has been arranged and that the meeting is open to all Life Members, their friends or other members who wish to attend. We now have around 175 life members and this and future meeting should bring a lot of pleasure to this group as well as additional benefits to the Association as a whole.

In this connection I am proud to announce that in addition to the outstanding and distinctive certificate given all life members we have now added a permanent metal membership card, which will take the place of the former yearly card sent out by the General Secretary. This new card should add distinction to this class of membership.

Your Board established a cut library during the year and in the future all cuts will be listed and indexed so they will be available at any time for any purpose. It is expected that this move will save us considerable engraving expense in the future as well as preserve rare and valuable cuts for future use. Something over 300 have been processed so far. Delay was caused by temporary loss of an important shipment and not through lack of diligence on the part of the Committee.

Your General Educational Committee has produced some very worthwhile suggestions and plans for future development and the Publications Committee will soon have a booklet ready to take the place of the former Haskins booklet which we used for years. This development should be ready very soon and will, I am sure, fill a need that is very urgent at this time. In addition we have been constantly adding to our reprints which are short, timely, authoritative articles on many different subjects. These are now available through the office of our Librarian at a very low cost and copies should be in the personal library of every member.

During this last year the second set of cash and medal awards were sent out to writers whose articles have appeared in the 1946 volume of The

Numismatist. The Awards Committee selected the eighteen outstanding articles and awards were apportioned according to the standing as fixed by that committee. The first place award consisted of a special silver medal and a cash award of \$100. The second place winner received a bronze medal and a cash award of \$50. Other winners received honorary placement and cash awards from \$10. up. This splendid recognition of numismatic research and reporting is proving to be a very worthwhile venture and has met with universal acclaim. The field is open and everyone is eligible.

Your Committee on Medallion Art has been appointed and is now working on designs for a medal that will be used by the Association for recognition of outstanding services to the Association or Numismatics in general. This should prove to be an added incentive to Association activity and numismatic research. Awards were made last year to members of our Revision of the By-Laws Committee for their excellent and outstanding work and as soon as the medals are available the awards will be delivered.

Your Committee in charge of the preparation of slides and lecture material to accompany them have completed some two thousand plastic impressions of different scarce and valuable coins and one set has been entirely completed for the use of the General Secretary. A critical shortage of material slowed up the production for some months but with suitable plastic again available it is hoped that additional series will soon be ready for the use of Clubs and District Secretaries that may desire them.

National Coin Week for 1947 was such an outstanding success that I am taking the liberty of suggesting that the outline used by that Committee be adopted as a basis for future celebrations. Participation reached an all time high and the advertising value was far in excess of the trifling cost. I suggest that in addition to the expense allowance usually voted that we increase the amount so that several additional worthwhile prizes can be purchased to augment the usual donations made by our most generous and Association minded dealers.

During the year your Board purchased fifty additional display cases for Convention use and the packing crates used for their storage and shipping. This Convention proves that we are still far below the desired number. We had to borrow all available cases of the Iowa Numismatic Association. I respectfully suggest that additional cases and storage boxes be purchased prior to the next Convention. No member should ever be denied the right to display his choice material, due to the lack of adequate display space. The initial cost is high, I grant you, but the continuing pleasure and satisfaction of having more than enough to satisfy everyone will soon repay two-fold every dollar now expended.

I could mention many other advances but time does not permit. For those specially interested in certain features I suggest a careful reading of the official report when it is published in The Numismatist or other official publication.

For better business administration and future security I believe we should change our present procedure and elect a partial Board of Governors each year. This could be accomplished by electing two one year and three the next, each for a two year term or any other division up to one each year for a five year term. I favor the first suggestion. In this way we would always be assured of having some experienced men on the Board while under the present procedure we could have a Board entirely unacquainted with our needs.

Along this line I wish to call your attention to a seeming apathy on your part when Association affairs should have your attention. I refer to your ballot and proxies. This present election is a case in point. Our total membership is in excess of 7000 qualified voters but the General Secretary informs me less than half exercised their right to vote. With such inattention it would be possible to elect a complete board with only five or six hundred votes. This is an additional reason, to my mind, for a staggered Board. Under our democratic form of representation and government such inattention or lack of interest might bring serious results along many lines. With current assets in excess of 65 thousand dollars you are vulnerable to scheming individuals who could soon dissipate your surplus and wreck your best laid plans for future security. This calls for serious thinking and possible action now in the near future.

Serious consideration should also be given our rather alarming suspension rate. Last year we lost nearly one-third of the total of our new applicants through suspension and resignation. As a more or less direct result, we are forced to eliminate half year memberships heretofore accepted at half the yearly rate. Experience has shown us that all such memberships cost us more than we receive. This may stop some of the losses but we should make a study of the situation and after finding the cause try and remedy it. Putting a new membership on our books is quite expensive, in fact so expensive that we may soon be forced to raise our yearly dues. Saving a larger percentage of our present yearly losses will help to maintain our present rate and for that reason, if no other, be of interest to our entire membership.

During the entire year we have been under the continued lack of sufficient paper to fill even our needs let alone our desires. The situation is now a little better but still not free. A direct result was the necessary curtailment of the number of pages in the monthly issue of *The Numismatist*. This automatically cut down the number of pages that could be devoted to advertising and therefore the income from that endeavor. I sincerely hope that the incoming officers will not be constantly worried, as we have been during the past two years, with an acute paper shortage and that the advertising section of the magazine, as well as the editorials and information section, can again be opened for full and complete coverage.

This, as well as many other curtailments, was not sought by your Board. It was forced upon us and we had to cut and trim to fit what we had to do with. With additional paper available, I suggest removing the limit on the number of pages of *The Numismatist* so that advertising and editorial space can be expanded. I also favor an increase in advertising rates. We are now printing some 9000 copies of *The Numismatist* monthly and with this high circulation at least a 20% increase would be in line. In addition printing costs, paper and all other items which go into our official magazine are at an all time high. If we expect to continue operating at a gain such an increase is imperative.

Considerable improvement has been made in actual final delivery time of *The Numismatist* but efforts should be continued along this line until the magazine is delivered to your homes not later than the first week of each month. We have found that many delays occur in delivery, in some sections, due almost entirely to Postal Departments in those localities and we respectfully suggest that delayed delivery be checked with your own Post Office before complaint is forwarded to your society officers.

There is an old saying that spending money makes money. This truism can well be applied to Association activities during the past year. Your last convention and your present Board have authorized expenditures in excess of those of former years but our present condition seems to have well justified such expenditures.

Association affairs, as a whole, are in splendid condition and the incoming officers could coast along for a time at practically no additional cost and thus reap immediate financial benefits. While I favor retrenchment in some matters I am firmly convinced that a general continuation of present policies will be of much greater benefit than rigidly saving for a year or two so as to build additional idle surpluses and then make a grand scramble, eventually, to get back on top again.

We have ample funds to weather any reasonable calamity that might befall us and if all our yearly income should be used for Association benefit I can see nothing in the immediate future but continued growth and progress. This would be true even though nothing be added to the gain side of the Associations liquid assets for several years to come.

During the year several reports were received relative to unfavorable conditions in the coin and medal displays of the Smithsonian Institution. Our special committee, under the chairmanship of Governor Joseph Moss, met with officials of the Institute, at their request, and action is being instituted for immediate betterment and ultimate correction. In this connection I am informed that studies are underway to enlarge the exhibit space, provide better lighting and display facilities, make arrangements to include paper money and other numismatic items and, perhaps more important, find ways and means of permanently safeguarding the metals themselves against tarnish, corrosion and other damages.

Some experiments have already been made by the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce relative to protective methods and many others will follow. From the intensive and accurate investigation usually made by this Department many important facts will be disclosed that can be of untold benefit to the Institute as well as collectors in general. In addition it is our hope that this entire endeavor will result in an up-to-date numismatic division in our National Museum that will be an honor to the hobby and a joy to all those interested in serious numismatic study and research. Smithsonian Institution officials have been most appreciative of our assistance and I look for a great deal of mutual benefit as a result of this activity.

Many members have asked us to take a stand on the question of the issuance of commemorative coins by the Mint. The main argument is that stamp collectors have a new issue to look forward to every month or so and that such advertising tends to build and keep philatelic interest. The Mint officials, on the other hand, seem to frown on the issuance of commemorative coins, and as a result we numismatists have very little in the way of new or different coinage to stimulate interest. There is merit in both arguments. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter thoroughly and if the report is favorable to an increased coinage of commemorative coins that we put our might behind such proper procedure as will accomplish our desires. If the report is against such coinage, then, we should discourage all such proposals and add our strength and influence to the opponents. In any event we should have a definite position on this controversial question and put up a definite fight for what we believe is right. I feel that as the representatives of something over 7000 coin collectors we should have a definite program on this question and that position should be such as will satisfy the majority of our members. First, however, they should be acquainted with the actual facts and that is the basic purpose of this Committee suggestion.

I am glad to welcome the Central States Numismatic Society and the Ohio State Numismatic Association on their revival and renewal of periodic conventions. I also wish to congratulate California on the formation of their State Association and the Southeastern Numismatic Association on their district organization. In addition I salute numerous newly formed local clubs scattered throughout the United States. This has been a most productive year for organized numismatic activity.

This report has been somewhat longer than I originally intended but I feel there is some justification for its length and detail. These yearly reports are intended to acquaint you with the major accomplishments of the past year and tell you something of future expectations. Two years ago I started making monthly reports to the Board by personal letter and to the general membership through the *President's page* in *The Numismatist*. Reports to the Board have gone out on the first of each month but curtailment of magazine space made monthly reports to you members impossible. Therefore I have gone into somewhat greater detail in this report. You have a right to know what your officers have done with your trust. You will find a fairly complete composite picture in the reports handed you when you registered but that, necessarily, is only the accomplished results to July 1, 1947. Many additional matters have been completed, as you can see and others are in the process of completion. These too are most important but do not show up in that report.

As a whole the past year has been exceedingly successful from any point of view. Comparisons do not fit due to a change in our fiscal year whereby these reports only cover eleven months. In spite of the reduced time many records were surpassed and we are now at an all time high in membership, prestige, stability and financial worth.

Such a record could not have been made without your help. Your present officers realize that credit belongs to you, the rank and file of our general membership. We thank each and every one of you for your cooperation, help and assistance. We sincerely hope you give our successors the same wholehearted support.

For myself, I want to thank my fellow officers, my committeemen and women, my District and Assistant District Secretaries, the membership as a whole for giving me one of the most delightful experiences of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you as a committeeman, Governor, First

Vice President and President. While I am now retiring from official connection with the Association I will always have a warm spot in my heart for the American Numismatic Association and all it represents. I will always be subject to your call if I can be of additional service.

I thank you.

V. LEON BELT.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President announced the appointment of the following committees:

Credentials: B. Max Mehl, Chairman; Theo. G. Kaufman, William J. Mertes.

Proxy: Paul H. Ginther, Chairman; Eugene D. Johnston, Hannah Edwards, Frances M. Katzen, Opal H. Morris.

Resolutions: Julius Windner, Chairman; Horace M. Grant, Oscar G. Schilke, Harry X. Boosel.

Election: Joseph F. Maley, Chairman; Charles P. Knoth, Russell W. Stehfest, Harry Mathews, C. David Pierce, Dr. F. Stevens Epps, James J. Curto, Norman B. Mason.

Audit: W. A. Philpott, Chairman; Daniel H. Brown, Herbert Rowold, Arthur Rutz, Harold R. Klein.

By-Laws Revision: Max M. Schwartz, Chairman; Col. Joseph Moss, Martin F. Kortjohn, J. Douglas Ferguson.

The General Secretary read communications of best wishes and regrets at being unable to be present from the following: Sydney V. Hagley, Renmark, S. Australia; Marie and Alden Boyer, Chicago; Mrs. Cora Dell Henderson, Columbus, Ohio; H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.; Joseph Barnet, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roy W. Farnam and Numismatic Association of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia; Christopher Blunt, President of British Numismatic Society, London; Harold Mattingly, President of the Royal Numismatic Society of London; Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Omaha, Nebraska.

It was moved and carried that the General Secretary be requested to convey to Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Member of the Board of Governors, the respects and regards of the members present and sincere regrets that he was unable to be present.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The convention was called to order at 10:00 A. M., Vice President Douglas presiding. The Chairman announced that "the business session this morning will begin with a call for the blessings of Almighty God, an invocation by Rev. Neil Crawford of the North Presbyterian Church of Buffalo." The invocation was as follows:

"Our Father, we see in the faces of old coins the pageant of history. We see the rise and fall of nations. We see the prosperity and adversity of many dynasties, and we ask Thee to give us the wisdom to see that brotherhood is the common coinage of mankind, that it is the real standard by which all things shall be judged. And may we, as members of this Association, read in the intricate pattern of history and find guidance for these days. May we remit the old truths and coin new programs, that out of the devotion of our hearts to our fellowman there may come a world of peace, security and prosperity, where all children shall sing, and where we, with our own, may have a sense of security and happiness—we ask in Thine own Holy Name. Amen."

Next on the program was the introduction of our distinguished guest, representing the City of Buffalo and his address of welcome. From the stenographic report we have the following:

CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS: Now, ladies and gentlemen, the general chairman of the Buffalo Convention, a man not unknown to any of us, that dynamo from Buffalo, that deliberative, Dr. Wild, is going to introduce to us our next speaker. Dr. Wild. (Applause).

DR. J. H. WILD: Mr. President, honored guest, fellow collectors and ladies. There are just thirteen items on the program this morning, on the order of business, so I am not going to take up any of your time with a speech. I want to make just one remark. The Buffalo Club, the members of the Club, are delighted at the wonderful turnout. We already feel amply repaid for the efforts we have made. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves every moment that you are here.

Now, without any further fanfare, I am going to introduce to you a gentleman, our guest speaker, probably one of the busiest men in the city of Buffalo. He is a politician who works. Mr. Wilkes is a personality that everyone in this city knows; he is the official greeter for Buffalo. I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Kneeland B. Wilkes. (Applause).

MR. KNEELAND B. WILKES: Dr. Wild, ladies and gentlemen. I am going to be very brief. First of all I want to say that Dr. Wild was half right, I do work, but I am not a politician. I am a business man in politics.

I do want to congratulate you, of course, on your Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention, and the whole city of Buffalo—and I mean the whole city of Buffalo, that is every policeman and every man on the street, everybody that works for us—is glad to have you here.

Incidentally, our city hall is right across the way. We have, I think, good government in Buffalo—we have a beautiful city hall—and if, through your Chairman, you would like to arrange a tour or just a visit to the city hall, we have a guide over there who will be only too glad to show you around. It is really, I think worthwhile seeing. The council chamber, where I do most of my work, is supposed to be the finest in the country.

Last week there was a group here and the people spoke up: "In Chicago we have nothing like this." Mayor O'Dwyer of New York was here not long ago and said, "You should see our city hall in New York." We really have something that we are glad to show you, either as individuals or as a group. We would be glad to see you. If a group comes over we have a guide who will take you up in the tower of the building and show you the city and the Niagara Frontier.

As I said, I am going to be very brief. I realize you have quite an agenda this morning. Dr. Wild said I was going to be a speaker. I am not. I am going to read one little item from a recent copy of *Esquire*, marked 'In Convention Assembled.' Some of you think *Esquire* possibly just has pictures, but they do have articles too. This is quoting:

"One customary feature of conventions that I have not mentioned is the address of welcome, which the program says the mayor of the host city will make. At very rare intervals a mayor does appear, but most of the time the remarks concerning the far famed hospitality of the city, its other charms and its overwhelming delight at the presence of the members—and whatever their people are members of—are delivered by some lightweight around the city hall who has absolutely nothing else to do.

"Any mayor who does show up makes a friendly remark about giving the conventioners the "key to the city." The keys do not have material weight, and so weigh as much as the conventioner is able to take home with him."

Just again, all the hospitality that the city can offer to you all the way through. I have talked to the weather man and he promised a little cooler weather tomorrow. We are going to do that for you and anything we have is yours. Thank you very much. (Applause).

Vice President Douglas expressed the thanks of the Association for the address of welcome, and turned then to the order of business.

B. Max Mehl, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that a quorum was present and that in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, the members present and those represented by proxy could proceed to transact the business of the Association. It was moved and carried that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted with thanks.

The Chairman called next for the report of the Proxy Committee, and remarked that on any matter coming before the convention any member could call for a proxy vote. Paul Ginther, Chairman, read the preliminary report of his committee and it was adopted as read. Some additional proxies were delivered to the committee later and revised reports were submitted at the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions, and accepted. The final report was as follows:

PROXY REPORT

Mr. President, Officers and Members:

Your committee on proxies has received all properly executed proxies from the General Secretary and has made a proper examination of the convention register, and the following is a true tabulation of proxies held by members in attendance:

Albert W. Ault	1	Alfred Hutter	15
George Bauer	6	Sol Kaplan	1
A. E. Bebee	2	Frank J. Katen	13
R. W. Bearinger	1	Theo. G. Kaufman	4
V. Leon Belt	21	James Kelly	6
George H. Blake	11	Morris Klaif	12
M. H. Bolender	4	Charles P. Knoth	1
Saul Bolus	4	Martin Kortjohn	3
Charles Boos	1	A. Kosoff	4
Dan Brown	1	Asher H. Leatherman	5
Earl Brown	5	Helen G. Lewis	9
Vernon Brown	18	Robert Lloyd	9
Holmes H. Cessna	1	H. E. MacIntosh	2
William Donlon	1	B. Max Mehl	11
Damon G. Douglas	75	J. McDermott	2
C. B. Edwards	3	Ralph Mitchell	40
Dr. F. S. Epps	2	John Morris, Jr.	24
J. D. Ferguson		J. P. Morris	1
Edward Fogler	82	Stuart Mosher	4
Carl Frank	1	Col. Joseph Moss	19
Harley Freeman	1	T. Murdoch	1
Loyd Gettys	161	R. Nyberg	1
Howard Gibbs	1	W. A. Philpott	2
Paul Ginther	1	Wm. Poizner	1
Horace Grant	6	Michael Powills	40
C. E. Green	4	Lewis M. Reagan	560
Henry Grunthal	3	Lu Riggs	1
Ted Hammer	34	Dr. Robertson	1
L. W. Hoffecker	1	Herbert Rowold	6

F. K. Saab	1	Russell W. Stehfest	14
Burton H. Saxton	1	J. M. Taylor	1
James T. Sawicki	7	Edward Weikert	1
Dr. K. J. Sartoris	1	Louis S. Werner	2
Henry Schuhmacher	14	Dr. John H. Wild	1
Max M. Schwartz	2	W. L. Wilson	7
Hans M. F. Schulman	3	H. Whiteneck	1
Otto T. Sghia	1	Charles Wormser	8
M. Vernon Sheldon	114	R. S. Yeoman	13
Carl T. Shelby	15	W. L. Oblisk	4
Oscar Schilke	7	D. G. Piper	3
Arthur Sipe	11	John J. Pittman	1
Joseph Stack	1		

Next, the reports of the Officers. Mimeographed copies of the reports had been distributed. Officers were invited to make additional comments, and each report, as submitted, was accepted with thanks and referred to the appropriate committees. Since the Auditor's Report includes all of the details of the financial reports of the General Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Business Manager, this report will be included here and the individual financial reports will be omitted.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Fiscal Year 1946-47

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Regular *	4102	4891	5937	7010
Associate	19	20	31	39
Life	61	82	120	177
Honorary	11	11	10	10
Totals	4193	5004	6098	7236

* Includes corporate and junior members.

Applications pending	250
Non-member subscribers	781

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

Regular	824	1154	1323	1693
Associate	1	9	10	7
Totals	825	1163	1333	1700

MEMBERSHIPS TRANSFERRED

Regular to Life	11	18	40	58
Associate to Regular	1	0	1	0
Associate to Life	0	0	1	1
Reinstatements	38	72	66	122

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP BODY

Deceased	27	37	35	42
Resigned	44	55	97	115
Suspended	223	259	273	403
Expelled	0	0	0	2

Net membership gain

1942-43	173	5.0%
1943-44	555	15.3%
1944-45	811	19.3%
1945-46	1094	21.9%
1946-47	1138	18.6%

Note: It should be observed throughout all annual reports this year that the change in our fiscal year has resulted in an eleven month period for the present fiscal year.

LEWIS M. REAGAN, General Secretary

PROPOSERS AND VOUCHERS OF NEW MEMBERS 1946-1947

- 115—Lewis M. Reagan
- 91—Edward Fogler
- 80—John H. Flood
- 37—E. A. Parker
- 36—Frank J. Katzen
- 35—Robert R. Prann
- 31—J. Pedersen
- 30—Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost
- 24—Vernon L. Oblisk
- 21—Ted Hammer, Philip W. Whiteley
- 20—Dan Brown, Earl Brown, R. A. Wilson
- 19—Joseph Silverman
- 17—Arthur Sipe
- 15—Frances Katzen, C. Shirley Leachman
- 14—C. B. Edwards, Elmer W. Gustafson, Kenneth W. Lee, Max M. Schwartz,
Walter J. Scott, Jesse M. Taylor
- 13—Stephen Bibler, Morris Klaif, W. J. McKenney, Cecil Wright Pember-
ton, John R. Slusher
- 12—Grube B. Cornish
- 11—Lillard W. Culver, J. Dermody, Dr. F. Stephen Epps, Harriette Ham-
mer, M. Vernon Sheldon
- 10—Horace M. Grant, Wilna Mackintosh, Everett Ostrom, Carl T. Shelby
- 9—V. Leon Belt, Bruno H. Crossfield, J. J. Gonzales, L. A. Hensley, A.
Hepner, Wm. H. Poizner, Erich Werling
- 8—Harold Colee, D. D. Day, Loyd B. Gettys, Paul Ginther, S. M. Koepfel,
Norman B. Mason, D. L. Redfield, Charles Ross, I. E. Rumpf, W. O.
White, Albert H. Wick
- 7—Ernest Asselyn, Joseph Barnett, Damon G. Douglas, Paul Fouts, Ollie
Lewis, James D. Miller, Gilbert Perez, Lloyd L. Ruff, Sidney H.
Tear, Harry S. Van Denburg
- 6—George J. Bauer, David M. Bullova, Harold Clayton, Dr. C. Glen Cur-
tis, Benjamin A. Feder, Edward H. Fish, L. W. Hoffecker, Wm.
Mertes, W. A. Philpott, Leif Ronning, F. K. Saab, Fred Schaffer,
Richard A. Webb
- 5—F. W. Allen, Frank Bennett, L. Hellene Bohler, Holmes H. Cessna,
Joseph Coffin, J. Hunt Deacon, Samuel A. Eisenberg, James T. Ether-
edge, Harley Freeman, William A. Gaede, George R. Gould, Gerald
W. Huber, Sol Kaplin, A. Kosoff, Adolph Larson, Jr., Helen Lewis,
J. V. McDermott, Richard J. Martin, Stuart Mosher, William Nolting,
Albert C. Overton, John J. Pittman, W. J. Purcell, John P. Randall,
Jasper L. Robertson, Oscar G. Schilke, Ray O. Willard, Dr. John R.
Wolff, R. S. Yeoman
- 4—E. J. Ashalter, Walter P. Bohler, M. R. Cohen, Henry Curtis, Albert G.
Dudley, Joseph Fruscione, Maurice H. Gilman, W. L. Gunn, Noel
Hutchens, Theodore G. Kaufman, Arthur B. Kelley, Charles P.
Knoth, Michael Kolman, Jr., James H. Lee, Max B. Mehl, J. H. Mor-
ris, Jr., Joseph Moss, Lt. H. M. Osborne, Kurt Prober, H. E. Rowold,
B. A. Seaby, Russell M. Stehfest, Glen Ostrander, Hans Sergl, Nor-
man Shultz, Albert W. Steinberg, Garold W. Tapp, M. J. Vinicky,
Bert Wagner, Dr. Bruce Wallace, Henry T. Wrede.
- 3—R. V. Ainsworth, Dale C. Andrews, C. V. Barton, Joe Block, Charles
Blumenfeld, C. T. Bolus, Mark Chapman, George S. Deffenbaugh,
A. Delmonte, Clarence A. Hahn, John H. Hanson, Sherwood Hen-
derson, Raymond Hull, S. W. Hutcheson, Asher Kleinman, Bert
Koper, Dr. R. A. Kreher, Charles A. McLean, Joseph C. Mahon,
Joseph F. Marron, Ralph A. Mitchell, N. Hilding Nelson, Milton
Nichols, Paul E. Olson, Christian M. Petersen, M. A. Powells, John
K. Pranter, Mancel Roy, S. S. Sisson, C. F. Smith, Joseph Stack,

Stuart Stair, Sidney Watkins, John J. Waters, H. Edwin Weaver,
Oscar Wildman, Ray H. Wilson

- 2—138 members signed two applications.
1—468 members signed one application.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the President and Members of the American Numismatic Association:

In compliance with your instructions, we have made an examination of the books of your General Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Manager for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1947. We present herewith the following statements:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1947.

Exhibit B—Comparative Statement of Income and Expenses—General Transactions, for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1947, and July 31, 1946.

Exhibit C—Comparative Statement of Income and Expenses—Numismatist Transactions, for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1947, and July 31, 1946.

Exhibit D—Statement of Transactions in the Life Membership Fund.

You will note that the examination was for a period of eleven months, the fiscal year of the Association having been changed to one ending on June 30th from one which formerly ended on July 31st. The result of activities for the fiscal year was a profit of \$5,180.86 as compared with one of \$8,403.02 for the previous fiscal year. While there were increases in income, there were greater increases in expenses with the result that the net proceeds from the general activities and NUMISMATIST operations were each approximately \$2,100 lower than for the preceding year. The great activity in obtaining life memberships, however, caused the income from that source to increase by \$1,100, thus accounting for the decline in net income. In the case of the General Transactions, the publication of the directory and the library list account for part of the increased costs; higher prices and greater clerical costs account for some of the remaining increased costs. In the case of THE NUMISMATIST operations, the reduced profits may be directly attributed to increased cost of paper, both in unit cost and increased quantities.

As in the past, no liabilities are shown on the Balance Sheet. There is a liability of an undetermined amount for the printing of the July NUMISMATIST. Eleven bills for printing are included in these statements for the eleven month period. An inventory of paper amounting to \$1,375.25 to be used for the July NUMISMATIST was counted by Mr. Damon G. Douglas on a recent call at the office of the printer.

The records kept by your General Secretary, your Treasurer and your Business Manager were neatly and accurately kept. We were afforded their full cooperation in the course of our examination. Certain procedures, however, require modification in the interest of permitting a ready check, and the recommendations for suggested changes have been transmitted to the persons involved. In concluding this report, it should be mentioned that the additional time of one month for its preparation has permitted a more thorough examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN KORTJOHN & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

August 5, 1947
New York, N. Y.

EXHIBIT A

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1947

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash on Hand:

Petty Cash Fund—Editor	\$ 100.00
Petty Cash Fund—Librarian	200.00

Total Cash on Hand	\$ 300.00
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Cash in Banks:

Treasurer:

Chase National Bank	\$4,674.04
Trust Company of New Jersey ...	2,783.04
New York Savings Bank	3,276.71
Union Square Savings Bank	4,277.26

Life Membership Fund:

Broadway Savings Bank	3,154.87
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Secretary:

Fourth National Bank	2,500.00
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Business Manager:

Merchants National Bank	500.00
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Total Cash in Banks	21,165.92
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Inventory of Paper—Estimated	1,375.25
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Total Current Assets	\$22,841.17
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Investment in United States Government Bonds:

General Fund:

\$25,000 Treasury Bonds 2½ % 1970—Value	
\$25,937.50	\$25,000.00
\$ 5,000 Savings Bonds Series G—Due Oct.	
1957—Value \$4,845.00	5,000.00
\$ 5,000 Savings Bonds Series G—Due Dec.	
1958—Value \$4,940.00	5,000.00
\$ 2,000 Savings Bonds Series F—Due Oct.	
1954—Value \$1,572.00	1,480.00

Life Membership Fund:

\$ 4,000 Savings Bonds Series F—Due Oct.	
1955—Value \$3,068.00	2,960.00
\$ 4,000 Savings Bonds Series F—Due Oct.	
1957—Value \$2,980.00	2,960.00
\$ 2,500 Savings Bonds Series F—Due Oct.	
1958—Value \$1,850.00	1,850.00

Total Investments—Market Value \$45,192.50	44,250.00
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Deposit on Mail Permit	100.00
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\$67,191.17

Liabilities and Net Worth

Liabilities	
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Net Worth:

See text

Balance August 1, 1946	\$62,010.31
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Add:

Net Income—General Transactions	
—Exhibit B	\$6,515.18

Net Loss—Numismatist Transac-	
tions—Exhibit C	4,415.91

Net Income—Life Membership Fund	
—Exhibit D	3,081.59

Total Net Income for the Fiscal Year	5,180.86	
Net worth June 30, 1947		\$67,191.17
		<u>\$67,191.17</u>

EXHIBIT B

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1947, and July 31, 1946

GENERAL TRANSACTIONS

	Year ended June 30 1947	Year ended July 31 1946
Income:		
Dues (excluding Life Membership Fees)	\$20,416.74	\$17,044.55
Sales of Medals, Buttons and Bars	79.55	82.90
Sales of Directories and Indexes	9.00	1.00
Interest on Government Bonds—net	787.50	662.50
Interest on Savings Bank Balances	108.48	75.24
Sales of Reprints	201.69	17.97
Dividends from Closed Bank	75.30	112.95
	<u>\$21,678.26</u>	<u>\$17,997.11</u>
Expenses:		
Printing and Stationery	\$ 977.54	\$ 697.56
Postage	1,487.02	1,050.00
Salary of General Secretary (including clerical help in 1946)	1,935.00	3,010.00
Salary of Librarian	550.00	600.00
Convention Stenographer	140.84	60.00
Convention Expenses	134.51	133.99
Traveling-Officers' Meeting		518.99
Dies and Bars	693.26	351.56
Showcase Purchases and Repairs	756.78	
Showcase Storage and Shipping	176.32	108.00
Coin Illustration Slide Costs	52.35	164.42
Publicity Expenses	119.65	563.61
Expenses for National Coin Week	137.98	
Coin Purchases	50.00	48.10
Life Membership Awards	50.00	50.00
Books Purchased for Library	255.76	241.73
Expenses of Librarian	746.06	216.36
Cost of Reprints	49.42	148.15
Membership Directory	2,577.81	
Library Catalogue	642.72	
Insurance and Bonding Premiums	25.22	22.41
Expenses of President	59.80	45.37
Expenses of General Secretary (including clerical help in 1947)	2,449.02	701.02
Expenses of Treasurer		36.70
Expenses of District Secretaries	26.90	
Expenses for Life Members	245.92	
Equipment Purchased	436.17	
Dues of American Numismatic Society	15.00	15.00
Bank Service Charges	70.73	79.56
Prize Award for Medal Design		250.00
Auditing	200.00	200.00
Other Expenses	101.30	4.00
	<u>\$15,163.08</u>	<u>\$ 9,316.53</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 15,163.08	\$ 9,316.53
Net Income for the Fiscal Year	\$ 6,515.18	\$ 8,680.58

NUMISMATIST TRANSACTIONS

EXHIBIT C

	Year ended June 30 1947	Year ended July 31 1946
Income:		
Advertising	\$18,382.92	\$17,183.27
Subscriptions of Non-Members	2,489.63	2,237.83
Sales of Back Numbers and Single Copies	378.90	329.75
Total Income	\$21,251.45	\$19,750.85
Expenses:		
Salary of Business Manager	\$ 1,946.60	\$ 1,797.50
Salary of Editor	2,339.80	2,063.30
Printing (1946 figures include paper for five months)	11,499.90	11,723.65
Paper Used	6,048.29	2,305.84
Postage on Magazine	1,055.34	875.97
Photographs	204.22	303.64
Cuts and Drawings	1,286.87	1,573.40
Prizes to Contributors	500.00	500.00
Reprints		58.50
Direct Expenses of Business Manager:		
Postage	118.74	135.18
Telephone and Telegraph	114.01	121.19
Stationery and Office Supplies	32.24	5.83
Other Expenses	49.05	50.57
Direct Expenses of Editor:		
Postage	260.21	236.00
Telephone and Telegraph	84.53	110.03
Stationery and Office Supplies	94.61	65.68
Typewriter Repairs	12.75	19.51
Rental of Dictaphone	20.20	99.78
Other Expenses		3.10
Total Expenses	\$25,667.36	\$22,048.67
Net Loss for the Fiscal Year *	\$ 4,415.91	\$ 2,297.82

* No allowance or credit is made for the cost or value of the Numismatist furnished to members of the Association. If such allowance or credit were made, the dues on Exhibit B would be reduced by a corresponding amount.

STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

EXHIBIT D

For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1947

Life Membership Fees Collected from Sixty Members	\$3,050.00
Interest on Savings Bank Account	31.59
Total Income	\$3,081.59
Cash in Savings Bank on August 1, 1946	1,923.28
	<u>\$5,004.87</u>
Cost of \$2,500 Series F U. S. Savings Bonds Purchased	1,850.00
Cash in Savings Bank on June 30, 1947	<u>\$3,154.87</u>

In addition to this cash, the Life Membership Fund includes the U. S. bonds shown on the Balance Sheet.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the President and Members of the American Numismatic Association:

The Auditing Committee has examined the various statements submitted to us, and in consultation with our Certified Public Accountant, have reviewed his financial report which is based on a careful and complete examination, by his office, of the books of the officers of the Association.

As a result of this investigation, discussion and review, it is the opinion of this Committee that the books of the Association are being kept in a satisfactory manner, and that the report of the Auditor properly and completely reflects the financial position of the Association.

Daniel H. Brown, Herbert Rowold, Arthur Rutz, Harold R. Klein, W. A. Philpott, Chairman.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was accepted with thanks.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The report of the editor, no matter how it might be worded, could not alter his record which is available to all in the last twelve issues of THE NUMISMATIST. It is there in black and white and no power on earth could, at this late date, make it any better or any worse.

In appraising the merits of a magazine such as ours it is important that the readers take into consideration the purpose for which it is published, the limited field to which it is devoted, and the technical limitations imposed by factors beyond control of the publishers.

In addition to being a medium to spread propaganda on numismatics it is the important duty of our magazine to promote the affairs and growth of our organization, and to engender fellowship among those interested in numismatics. That has been the policy of THE NUMISMATIST since it was established sixty years ago and how well it has succeeded in its purpose can be judged by the number of collectors attending this Convention. Never in the history of numismatics have so many collectors convened at one time. Our membership, now rapidly approaching the 8,000 mark, is the largest group of affiliated coin collectors in the world. THE NUMISMATIST is the most widely-read coin magazine ever published and increases in circulation each year.

During the last sixty years THE NUMISMATIST has had but seven editors. That is a record that few magazines, whether large or small, can approach and I doubt if any can equal it.

What merit the last twelve issues of the magazine may deserve, must go largely to our contributors and those who assisted in all manner of methods to make the magazine informative, accurate, and readable. A list of those who facilitated my work would be altogether too lengthy to include in this brief report, but I would indeed be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the continual encouragement, kindly criticism, and tireless assistance given me by my devoted wife, Edith.

Beginning last January the advertising section of THE NUMISMATIST was limited to 64 pages in each issue, and the other half of the 128 pages was reserved for editorial matter. This arrangement, while not without its defects, has done much to make for a better balanced magazine.

Another change, made at the beginning of 1947, was the centering of the advertising so that the editorial section might be printed separately, thus gaining several days time on press work each month. This arrangement also allows for the reading matter to be bound separately and has been well received by many readers.

Despite the combined efforts of the business manager, the editor, the printer, and Damon G. Douglas, we have made little headway towards getting the magazine into the mails so as to reach subscribers by the 1st of each month. This problem will be thoroughly investigated at this Convention

and I need not say anything more than that a remedy must and will be found.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART MOSHER, Editor

Note: The Editor's financial report is included with that of the Business Manager, and therefore will be found in the General Report of the Auditor.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN-CURATOR

For 1946-1947

To Officers and Members of the American Numismatic Association in Convention Assembled at Buffalo, New York.

GREETINGS:

Your librarian is happy to bring a report of a highly successful year during which the circulation of books soared to new, record heights, despite the fact records were established in 1944-1945 and 1945-1946.

During the past year, loans totaled 967 and 2,339 books were loaned!

(In our first report, for the year 1940-1941, we reported 794 books and 352 loans.)

To California goes the honor for the greatest number of books loaned during the year, with 217. California trailed New York most of the year, but the number of books passed the New York figure six weeks before the end of the year, and New York was second with 196, while Massachusetts came in third with 179.

We are happy to report more books loaned, more individual loans, more donations, more non-member queries, more member queries. At the same time, expenses rose accordingly. This was due not only to increased need for office supplies, but because wrapping paper, paper tape and twine had increased 100 per cent in price. Also, we paid more for "butcher" paper during the year than for 30 to 40 pound kraft during the war years. We had difficulty getting good paper and cardboard during the year, but were helped by Jacques Saiken of Chicago and Otto Sghia of New York City.

Most popular books were Early Coins of America by Crosby, Civil War Tokens and Store Cards by Hettrich-Guttag, The Standard Paper Money Catalogue by Wayte Raymond, United States Copper Cents 1816-1857 by Newcomb, The 1856 Flying Eagle Cent by J. F. Jones, Hazeltine Type Table, Beistle's Register of U. S. Half Dollar Die Varieties, The Cents of the U. S. by Doughty, United States Copper Cents by Andrews, and Breton's works on Canadian Coins and Tokens.

Books were shipped to Sweden, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Alaska in addition to the 70 shipped to Canada.

Greatest job, perhaps, was the member-query department which William Dewey, former librarian, handled so excellently. With the increased demands in loans and the reprints, it often was necessary to put off research until week ends. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. Hammer for her help in this connection. She also was helpful many evenings in addressing labels and cards while we rushed around wrapping books in order to reach the post office before it closed at 10 o'clock.

With the increased book orders came increases in the number of back orders. Despite the additions of duplicates wherever possible, it frequently was necessary for a member to wait weeks—a few waited months—to get required books. Our apologies are herewith extended to these members.

Special thanks must go to donors of the fine material added to the library this year. J. F. Jones of Jamestown, N. Y., contributed many volumes of mint reports, along with Harry X. Boosel of Chicago, so that our set is fairly complete now.

S. L. Moore, D. A. Crichton and Eugene Parisek contributed unbound Numismatists in great volume. This not only helped fill in vacant places

in the unbound Numismatist cabinet, but made it possible to bind some of the Eklund and other popular articles. Use of these articles and the unbound Numismatists saves postage for members, makes it possible to avoid back orders and saves wear on our bound set of THE NUMISMATIST. Col. George Hamilton of California donated, once again, his American Numismatic Society monographs, and W. C. Sanders of New Haven contributed foreign language dictionaries (some of which still are to be added after being bound). All contributors are mentioned later in this report—but, as in other years, dealers were particularly gracious in remembering the ANA library. This is commendable in view of the fact such donations may cut down possible sales—since works can be borrowed. But many members borrow a work to look it over before purchasing copies.

Before moving from Iowa, we began cross-indexing varied numismatic works in the library, but added greatly to this during the year. Since visiting the American Numismatic Society in February, we have improved this system. While it mainly is beneficial now to the librarian, the card index system will be very valuable in the future to members at large. It still is a slow job at present, due to our limited spare time after doing the other library work, yet it is the most fascinating work we have undertaken.

Reprint sales during the year totaled \$201.39, and expenses totaled \$38.30. Due to the paper shortage, it was not possible to advertise the reprints regularly, and at the same time, new reports on order have been delayed since last year. We sincerely hope for an improvement in the paper situation for this reason.

A summary of other library activities:

Letters written, 366; Letters received, 241; Non-member queries received, 933; Books purchased, 69; Books bound, 35; Donations, 99.

The reports about cars being given for 1943 cents caused the librarian some trouble, with many correspondents asking if this were true. Many others wrote during 1946 about the Iowa and Booker T. Washington commemoratives. Many letters were from banks, and we took that opportunity of addressing personal letters and publicizing the American Numismatic Association and its programs.

RECAPITULATION OF LIBRARY EXPENSES

Books and magazines	\$153.14
Printing	31.74
Binding	84.50
New bookcases and scales	98.72
Office supplies	108.91
Express, freight, stamps, postoffice box	72.74
Petty cash	16.00
Miscellaneous expenses, bank charges	10.58
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The carrying charge (postage, freight, express, etc.) includes payments to donors of material for shipping charges, or the outright payment to freight, express companies et al of such charges. The purchase of new bookcases was approved by both the 1945-1946 and 1946-1947 boards of governors. We actually need another bookcase at this time.

The cost of office supplies was far higher than the war years—and of course we used more wrapping paper, tape, twine, stationery, postal cards and so on, due to increased use of the library by members. A shipment of the American Journal of Numismatics Index was lost four months and we filed a claim for same. Needing the Index, we purchased another copy in anticipation of the claim's allowance. It was found, and no payment made.

NUMBER OF BOOKS LOANED IN VARIOUS STATES

Alabama	12	California	217
Arizona	27	Colorado	15

Connecticut	25	North Carolina	28
Delaware	1	North Dakota	5
Florida	42	Ohio	164
Georgia	17	Oklahoma	24
Illinois	142	Oregon	19
Indiana	66	Pennsylvania	123
Iowa	49	Rhode Island	2
Kansas	75	South Carolina	2
Louisiana	29	South Dakota	22
Maine	11	South Dakota	5
Maryland	17	Texas	92
Massachusetts	179	Virginia	19
Michigan	59	Washington	72
Minnesota	45	West Virginia	30
Mississippi	5	Wisconsin	43
Missouri	11	Wyoming	4
Montana	8	Washington, D. C.	13
Nebraska	15		
Nevada	2	Alaska	2
New Hampshire	5	Canada	70
New Jersey	167	Puerto Rico	1
New Mexico	3	Sweden	2
New York	196	Mexico	3

(Where the name of a state is omitted, there were no loans.)

DONORS OF MATERIAL TO LIBRARY

Barney Bluestone	Hans M. F. Schulman and H. W. Holzer
George D. Hamilton	E. A. Rice
Heart of America Numismatic Association	Hans M. F. Schulman
Sam Kabealo	G. A. Popoff
Gregory and Lenard Babin	A. Kosoff
James A. Ross	Numismatic Gallery
M. Frankenhuis	Stuart Mosher
Washington Numismatic Society	J. F. Jones
F. E. Keim	Martin F. Kortjohn
David M. Bullowa	Cambridge University Press
H. L. Andrews	William H. Dillistin
B. Max Mehl	R. Bruce McPherson
Dallas Coin Club	James Kelly
Richard S. Yeoman	Seaby, Ltd.
W. R. Springer	D. N. Moshkaloff
Edwin Krause	Eugene Parisek
E. H. Havens	J. Henri Ripstra
Stack's	D. A. Crichton
Fred Brunner	S. L. Moore
R. A. Wilson	John Davenport
M. L. Hayward	Carl Wurtzbach
Charles Klander	Imre Molnar
Max Weinberg	Frank J. Katzen
Wayte Raymond	Lee Hewitt
Frank Smith	T. R. Hammer
J. J. Curto	

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY

Among donations during the year were the following (preceded by the number on the library's card index system):

- G-42 Priced auction catalogue, A. A. Grinnell sales by Barney Bluestone
- G-26 Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania, Harrold E. Gillingham
- N-42 The New England and Willow Tree Coinages of Massachusetts, Sidney P. Noe

- H-33 "What's Your Hobby?" pamphlet by Heart of America Numismatic Association
- O-3 History of Banking and Currency in Ohio Before the Civil War
- B-7 Presidential Candidates, 1789-1944
- R-2 The Index for Pricing the Dollar
- F-4 Catalogue of Medals, Medalets and Plaques Relative to the World War, 1914-1919, by M. Frankenhis
- W-38 Washington Numismatic Society Membership List
- D-38A Supplemental List of Wooden Nickels by Emil de Bella
- H-44 Paper Money Oddities, Numismatic Scrapbook reprint, T. R. Hammer
- M-79 Elementi di Numismatica d' Italia Moderna e Antica
- A-11P Descriptive Catalogue of Foreign Coins, H. L. Andrews
- M-80 Priced Auction Catalogue, William C. Atwater sale, by B. M. Mehl
- U-9 The National Bank Act
- D-13P Dallas Coin Club Year Book
- U-3 Catalogue of Coins in U. S. Mint Collection
- L-23 U. S. Postal Currency by Dr. F. A. Limpert
- Y-2 A Guide Book of U. S. Coins, Whitman Publishing Co.
- S-108 Numismatic Review, Volume III
- J-16 Jewitt's Handbook of English Coins
- An Essay On Ancient Coins, The Rev. R. Walsh
- W-39P The American Catalogue and Standard Premium List of all U. S. Coins
- S-55P Salute to the Brave-Farewell to the Bluenose, C. H. Snyder
- W-47 Historical Guide to New Brunswick
- K-25P Klander's Paper Money Pricelist
- C-49 U. S. Cents, 1804-1814, by George H. Clapp
- S-58 But Don't Send Ashes
- W-37P How Medals Are Made and 3 other articles from Popular Science
- R-59 Standard Catalogue of U. S. Coins, 1947 Wayte Raymond
- A-26 Private Gold Coinage of California, E. H. Adams
- S-59 The Coin Collectors' Almanac
- S-62 Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin, 1946
- S-66P Priced auction catalogue of Russian coins, 1939
- R-39 Standard Catalogue of Paper Money, Wayte Raymond (2)
- R-39S The Standard Paper Money Catalogue, 1946, Wayte Raymond
- W-48 The Currency of the Great War, by Benjamin White
- D-14 Silver Coinage of England (mainly issued 1811-1812)
- S-67P Pieces of Eight
- R-45 Coin Collectors Journal, 1946, by Wayte Raymond
- K-18 United States Gold Coins, Numismatic Gallery
- U-14 Miscellaneous Mint reports, 1885-1910.
- U-14, Reports of Master of Comptroller of the Mint, 1905, 1906, 1908
- U-8 Mimeographed copy of mint report for 1946
- R-37 Foreign War Medals, Orders and Decorations (an illustrated catalogue), by Gregory and Lenard Babin.
- D-18 Historical Directory of the Banks of the State of New York, William Dillistin.
- A-75P The Trial of the Coins, an American Tradition, from American Notes and Queries, January, 1947
- S-90 Coins of the World, Gold and Silver, 1916, Scott (reprint)
- H-58P History of Designs of U. S. Coins, Ventress Heald
- K-26P Pricelist of foreign crowns by James Kelly
- S-76 1947 Catalogue of the Coins of Great Britain and Ireland by Seaby's
- S-69P Pricelist of Coins and Medals of the World, by J. Schulman, 1906
- S-68P Priced catalogue, money of the world, by J. Schulman
- H-60P Priced auction catalogue of German coins
- H-59P Priced catalogue of coins of Tyrol, Adolph Hess
- R-40P Priced auction catalogue of German coins (middle ages)
- G-44P Priced auction catalogue of F. W. Geiss sale, February, 1947, B. Max Mehl
- R-61P Documents Bearing on Hard Times Tokens, A. Z. Reed (Numismatic Scrapbook)
- B-11P Coins of Tingi with Latin Legends, by Boyce
- A-15 Miscellaneous unbound Numismatists, 1938-1946.

- A-15 Miscellaneous unbound Numismatists, 1934-1947
 A-15 Miscellaneous unbound Numismatists, 1921-1946, complete except for 1927, 1931, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946
 K-28 Coins of the World, pricelist by Milford Coin Co.
 K-27P American Game Counters, Howard Kurth (Numismatic Scrapbook)
 C-62P Catalogue des Monnaies Luxembourgeoises de Henry II (1026) a Charlotte (1939)
 The Cleaning of Silver Coins, Imre Molnar
 W-58 Massachusetts Colonial Silver, by Carl Wurtzbach
 1946 Numismatic Scrapbook

Due largely to donations and to a few purchases along with regular issues, we added the following bound articles from *The Numismatist* (the Ecklund articles were made available largely through The Numismatist donations of D. A. Crichton and S. L. Moore):

- E-1 Copper Coins of Norway, by O. P. Eklund
 C-59 Confederate States of America Paper Money, Philip H. Chase
 B-9P The Decimal Coinage of Canada and Newfoundland, F. Bowman
 H-61P Order of the Purple Heart
 H-62P Story of The Numismatist, George Heath
 C-61P Monetary Problems in Early Texas, A. L. Carlson
 C-60P "Buy an Ounce of Silver" Movement, Ernest Cerny.
 E-21P The Copper Coins of Austria-Hungary, O. P. Eklund.
 E-22P The Copper Coins of France, O. P. Eklund
 W-59P Recent Faking of Chinese Coins at the Chinese Mints, Howland Wood
 F-7P The Tuesday Club Medal
 J-15P Articles by J. F. Jones on Encased Postage Stamps
 R-25P The Sesqui-Centennial of the One Cent Piece, Lewis Reagan
 G-36P Portraits on \$2 Issues of Paper Money; Demand Notes
 S-89P Pacific Currency, Allan Sutherland
 D-9P Epitome History of the Military Medal, Dewey
 H-39P Numismatics of the Small Cent
 R-6P The Trues, Die Cutters in Albany and Cincinnati, A. Z. Reed
 P-29P The Last Colonial Cobs
 T-13P Money of the Republic of Texas
 K-23P War Casualties in Coins
 H-25P The Coinage of New Guinea
 E-12P The Kettles (2 articles)
 Y-1P The Emergency Coinage of California Gold Rush, R. S. Yeoman
 K-24P Silver Dollars of Tuscany During the Rule of the House of Medici, A. E. Kelpsh
 E-15P The Copper Coins of Russia and Poland, bound with The Coinage of Poland, by O. P. Eklund and Joseph F. Sawicki, respectively
 M-85P The Buffalo Hunt, by Waldo C. Moore
 R-41P The Copper Coins of Vermont, by J. M. Richardson
 A-76P Signers of Continental Currency
 P-31P Philippine Guerilla Currency, G. S. Perez

(Two other donations included two Portage Lake Bridge Tokens and a strip of brass from which planchets had been cut.)

BOOK PURCHASES DURING YEAR

The book purchases included:

- M-76 Transportation Tokens, B. Morgenthau
 G-8 Catalogue of Latin American Coins, Julius Guttg
 L-23 Postage and Fractional Currency, Dr. F. A. Limpert
 R-45 1945 Coin Collectors Journal, bound, by Wayte Raymond
 S-54 Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Gold and Silver Coins of the World, Smith
 A-13 Australian Tokens and Coins
 A-61 Numismatica Graeca
 R-39 Part II, Standard Catalogue of Paper Money of the U. S., Raymond
 L-24 Coins of Siam, by Le May
 T-24 Ribbons and Medals
 M-25 Coins of Japan, Munroe
 C-38 The Coinage of Rhessaena, K. O. Castelin

- A-38 American Numismatic Association, Museum Notes
- G-15 Hard Times Tokens, Guttag
- A-26 Private Gold Coinage by Adams. (#2)
- H-13 Russian Imperial Orders, Hazelton
- N-43 Large Cents of the U. S., Newcomb (2 copies)
- P-18 Numismatic History of Mexico by Pradeau. (#2)
- W-56 Coinage and Metrology of the Sultans of Delhi, H. N. Wright
- V-2 Sassanian Coins, W. H. Valentine
- S-59 Coin Collectors' Almanac
- L-26 Catalogue of Chinese Coins, LaCouperie
- L-25 Collectors Manual by Leroux
- A-72 Catalogue of the Coins of the Sultans of Gujarat, G. V. Acharya
- M-84 Greek Coinage, Milne.
- V-7 Modern Copper Coins of the Muhammadan States, Valentine
- B-8 Catalogue of the Provincial Coin Cabinet of Assam, by A. W. Botham
- P-30 Catalogue of Coins of the Shahs of Persia, by R. S. Poole
- Hunter collection, priced auction catalogue, by Chapman
- A-61 Volumes 50 and 51 of American Journal of Numismatics
- B-11P Coins of Tingi with Latin Legends, Boyce
- H-29 Numismatic Scrapbook, 1946
- M-55 Hobbies (numismatic section bound)

INVENTORY OF ANA PROPERTY IN LIBRARY

An inventory of ANA property in the custody of the librarian, in addition to the books and the several medals and dies, follows:

- Four steel bookcases, 3 by 6 feet
- One steel bookcase, steel, 27 inches wide and five feet three inches in height
- One steel utility cabinet (for reprints)
- One parcel post scales
- One paper cutter (for 24 inch roll paper)
- One paper trimmer
- One wooden work table
- Two drawer steel filing cabinet
- Two drawer card index filing cabinet

In addition, the librarian uses four other bookcases for the ANA library, which provides approximately the same amount of space as the five steel bookcases.

The unbound NUMISMATISTS require the smaller of the five steel bookcases; the bound set and the Mint reports require one of the larger ones; pamphlets take another of the larger bookcases. Most of the sets of other works are housed by the librarian in two built-in bookcases and other personally-owned bookcases. In addition, the librarian stores duplicate unbound NUMISMATISTS and records.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. HAMMER, Librarian-Curator

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Vice President Douglas announced as follows: "The next order of business is the reports of the District Secretaries. I am going to call on Second Vice President Ralph A. Mitchell, who, as you know, this past year has been charged with the duties of assisting and coordinating the work and receiving the reports of the District Secretaries. Mr. Mitchell."

MR. RALPH MITCHELL: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Until tomorrow night at least I am still second vice president, and along with that office has been added the duty of being chairman of the District Secretaries Club. In case you do not know it, this is a newly formed organization. We have had one year of operation, somewhat squatted, but we are getting well started to having a good organization.

We have sixty-eight district secretaries, including distant district secretaries throughout the world. We have many active district secretaries who are happy to report much progress. We have some new secretaries who are perhaps a bit bewildered, as was I when I took over this job as chairman of the District Secretaries Club.

To sum it all up, we think we have a good organization started, but it is only started. There is lots of work to be done in the District Secretaries Club, and if it functions properly, which it will in time, it can be a definite asset to the association and to each individual member of the association. There are so many items that must clear through the office of the President and the Board of Directors that clutter up their desks and take up their time and detail in answering, that could just as well be handled through the new District Secretaries Club.

Each district secretary has a responsibility which rests squarely on his shoulders, to fulfill his portion or part of the overall work to be done by the American Numismatic Association. So, we are looking forward to bigger and better things, and I am sure that the new second vice president of the A. N. A. will be able to get going much better than I did, and that, in the time to come, they will be able to take a lot of the load off the shoulders of the President and Board of Directors.

Just to give you a quick summary as to what a district secretary is supposed to do, a district secretary is the representative in his area, which is assigned to him by the President, and is notified by the President that he is a district secretary or an assistant district secretary, and he is the liaison officer between the members of the A. N. A. and the A. N. A. office itself. He is to report all activities as he sees them in his district; he is to assist in getting new members, of course; he is to assist weak clubs in helping to reorganize or in actually organizing new clubs, he is to help to answer the many perplexing questions to new members of the A. N. A., and he can be of immeasurable help in assisting new members as to what the advantages are in being an A. N. A. Member.

Those duties, as I said, will take a lot off the load that is now being handled by the President, the Board of Directors and, I assure you, our General Secretary. This past year has seen several new clubs started. This past year has seen many new members added to the A. N. A., which gives the district secretaries throughout the world a beautiful chance to make as many of those A. N. A. members collectors and life long members of the association that the road to the future is just wide open. There is no limit to the work that can be done by the district secretaries. We have a very fertile field, and we are sure it will progress as outlined.

You are always welcome to the District Secretaries Club to make suggestions. Your Club is our club so feel free at any time to give us those suggestions and tell us what you want, and in that way you will have your own say in your own organization.

I have several reports here, but due to the length of these meetings it is the wish of the President and I am sure of everyone here, that these reports be cut to a minimum. I have many reports giving lots of detail and many good suggestions, but we will not take time to read them here at this time, and I would ask that without taking time to read them these be passed over to the editor of THE NUMISMATIST for his editing or revision as he sees fit, and that such edited reports be published in THE NUMISMATIST or other official publications.

Any questions which you may wish to ask after the meeting as to what you can do or should do I will do my best to answer, and I again thank you very much for having a chance to serve for you as your chairman of the District Secretaries Club. (Applause.)

CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS: We want to thank Ralph for the fine work he has been doing, but even more, our Association should be conscientiously aware of the real debt of gratitude we owe our District Secretaries. They are the backbone of the A. N. A., and before asking you to act on the report of their Chairman, I am going to ask every District Secretary in the room to stand and let us give you a big hand.

A rising vote of applause was extended to the District Secretaries, after which, on motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the District Secretaries was accepted. (Abstracts of these reports will be published in the next issue of THE NUMISMATIST. Editor.)

AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS TO EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER

The Chairman called upon Past President J. Douglas Ferguson to announce the awards, and Mr. Ferguson spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. I have been given this morning a very distinct privilege in having been asked by your officers to very briefly summarize the Numismatic Association background of two of your most distinguished members and officers. Friends of all of us and men whom you have already honored this morning by accepting their reports and showing them by your handclap your appreciation of their magnificent work for another year.

Your officers, however, felt—and I know that you are heartily in agreement—that some more tangible appreciation should be expressed to these two men. I am speaking of Burton Saxton and Stuart Mosher, the two men who are known not only to those of us here but to every member of the association throughout our entire membership. And I think we all realize there are many people who joined the association because of the benefit they secure from reading THE NUMISMATIST. Those of us who have had the privilege of being close to association activities through a number of years realize the far greater benefits, even than the reading of our magnificent publication, but there are thousands of members that the one link to the association is THE NUMISMATIST, and I think that THE NUMISMATIST is obviously the barometer of the activities of our Association, and never, in all of its years, has that barometer been higher in the esteem of the membership than at the present time.

But to just briefly refer to these men and some of their early associations, as some of you may not realize that they date back quite so far and that their contributions through the years have been so extensive.

Burton Saxton is member 921 of our association. His membership card if he still has it bears the name of Frey as president and Howland Wood as secretary. I ask you, where could you find a numismatic souvenir, particularly from the American continent and perhaps the world, to have three names associated with it who have made as extensive contributions to numismatic literature and understanding as the three names that I have just mentioned. Mr. Saxton was second vice president of our Association as far back as 1908. He was first vice president in 1909, and declined the presidency in 1910.

Moments after my election as your president I was confronted with the resignation of Frank Duffield, our long time editor and business manager of THE NUMISMATIST. I think you will agree that my officers faced for you one of the most difficult responsibilities that could be placed on men assuming office. Frank's business responsibilities made it necessary that he suddenly resign from the editorship of our magazine. We studied the membership as carefully and as thoroughly as we could. Two names stood out above all others as successors. One was Burton Saxton and the other was Stuart Mosher. We needed time to come to a decision.

Lee Hewitt, who had a great deal of experience, but has his own magazine and so could not be considered as a permanent, helped us out magnificently during this period until we could secure the approval of Burton Saxton to again serve our association in accepting the editorship and business managership.

Our magazine had grown to such proportions that it was impossible for one man to continue to handle both of these responsibilities, and so our officers agreed, in 1945, to share the responsibilities and Stuart Mosher was asked to take over the editorship and Burton Saxton most kindly and generously continued as our business manager.

Stuart Mosher, as you perhaps know, is a Canadian and, as a Canadian or was a Canadian, Stuart I feel very proud. Having moved to the United States in 1926, in 1930 he became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America. He joined the Buffalo Coin Club in 1927, twenty years ago. He joined the A. N. A. in 1928, and from the beginning you remember that he contributed very widely to THE NUMISMATIST. In 1935 he left Buffalo to work for a professional dealer and publisher in New York City, where he helped edit numerous coin publications. Stuart took an active civic interest while in Buffalo, he was the chairman of the Buffalo Hobby Show back in the 1930's. The splendid exhibit of coins, which I hope you will all see while in Buffalo at the Museum of Natural Sciences, was formed by Stuart, and it was from this basis that he wrote his popular book "The Story of Money" which, I was told, is now being reprinted. The first time they have ever had a complete sellout of any of their publications.

In 1945, as I have already referred to, Stuart Mosher was appointed editor of THE NUMISMATIST, and has been giving it his full time responsibility since. He is now living in Texas, and I know Texas will feel just as proud of Stuart as so many friends in New York State and all of us who come from Canada.

These two men have served our association so effectively and well through these years that your officers, gentlemen, have asked me to advise you today that as a token of their appreciation they have made you life members of our association, as an honorary method of expressing to you their profound thanks. Thank you. (Applause)

(The members extended Mr. Saxton and Mr. Mosher a rising vote of applause.)

MR. SAXTON: This comes as a complete surprise that is literally true. It is a very lovely thing for the officers to consider such a thing in

my direction. By your own action, by your own applause it was very gracious and very generous, and I shall cherish the action and your own sentiments until this life membership runs out.

May I say too that it was almost of equal pleasure to have Stuart recognized also. Our relations during his term as editor and my own as business manager have been most cordial. I don't know how I could have asked for a more sympathetic collaborator, we might say, in the work of THE NUMISMATIST than has been Stuart Mosher. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and I hope it may be continued for many years in at least as cordial relations as we have been heretofore. Thank you. (Applause)

MR. MOSHER: I want to thank you all for the honor conferred on me, and tell you that I will try to uphold it as long as the life membership lasts. That is all I can say. (Applause)

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

A proposal, later adopted as Resolution No. 1, was introduced by Col. Joseph Moss, member of the Board of Governors, as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Douglas. Ladies and gentlemen: I had intended to present this motion directly to the Executive Board and also the Resolutions Committee. I had discussed the matter preliminarily yesterday with President Belt and he, being a very meticulous gentleman, and feeling that this matter might concern him personally, felt that it should be brought directly to the attention of the entire convention.

It has been truly stated that republics are ungrateful, and that holds true also in many instances to individuals and perhaps to organizations. In many respects that same accusation could be applied to our own Association. I refer particularly to the treatment of our past presidents.

Before a man reaches that high and lofty and august post of President of the A. N. A. he has generally worked about twenty years or more in the field of numismatics, not only in his local and State clubs, but has also come up from the ranks by being on the Board of Governors, until finally, with the consent of this body, he becomes president. There ought to be some substantial and physical reward given to those gentlemen who have served us so well and faithfully, and at such a sacrifice, not only of their time but financially as well. Therefore, without further delay, I am going to present this motion and move its adoption:

"It is moved that the Association issue a medal, to be known as the President's Medal, to be made of gold, and suitably inscribed, and that this medal be presented to all living past presidents and to each president upon the conclusion of his term of office."

The motion was seconded and referred to the Resolutions Committee.

H. A. SEABY OF LONDON WAS PRESENT

The Chairman introduced Mr. H. A. Seaby, District Secretary for England.

MR. SEABY: Fellow members, I am sure that you will appreciate how happy I am to be here. I have been a member of this Association

for well over twenty years and I am not sure that I ever expected to come to one of your gatherings, but my wife and I are extremely happy to be here with you this year, and I hope that I will be able to come again.

I am the bearer of greetings from the President of the Royal Numismatic Society of London and the President of the British Numismatic Society of England. With your kind permission I would like to read these greetings now.

From Harold Mattingly, President of Royal Numismatic Society

If one cannot do a job oneself, perhaps the next best thing is to find a friend to do it for one. So, being unable to attend your convention myself, I have great pleasure in taking advantage of my friend, Mr. H. A. Seaby, fellow-member of the Royal Numismatic Society, to send a friendly greeting from our Society to you and your fellow-members.

Our two countries have for many years stood in close political relationship—a relationship actually closer than that implied by many treaties in history. We shall all agree to wish that that relationship, as it tends to promote peace and good will in the world, may long continue. To such political ties it is only right that other non-political relationships should correspond. We share in studies and interests of true nobility, that enlarge our outlook, cheer our leisure and enrich our friendships. Your prevailing interests may not be quite the same as ours. You will prefer the coinage of the United States and the New World in general; we tend, after our own coinage of Great Britain, to turn to the Old World of Greece and Rome or to the strange Eastern World of India. Still these many halls of learning all belong to one great building, and we all like, on occasion, to stray out of our special quarters to visit those of our neighbours. Such exchanges of visits are profitable to both sides.

Lack of cooperation, degenerating into strife, has come near to wrecking our civilization; cooperation, ripening into friendship, may still save it. May we in our little circle begin to achieve it.

With cordial greetings.

From Christopher Blunt, President British Numismatic Society

At a meeting of the Council of the British Numismatic Society, held in London on June 25th, it was unanimously resolved to send greetings to the convention in Buffalo from the members in England, and to wish the convention every success. To this message, which I am asking Mr. Seaby to take on our behalf, I would add my personal good wishes for your success.

Sincerely yours.

President Belt, who had come into the convention earlier, addressed Mr. Seaby as follows:

On behalf of the Association, and personally, I extend our appreciation to Mr. Mattingly and Mr. Blunt for these kind remarks. One of the gentlemen says something about our differences, and speaks of our different collecting purposes and ideals. Of course, that is true, but I don't believe that the difference is very great, and it brought to my mind, as you were reading, that the majority of us over here are only children of the folk over there. My grandfather and grandmother were born in Bath, England. Therefore, while the bridge may be long, it is not very wide. Thank you.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The convention was called to order at 9:45 A. M., with President Belt presiding. After some announcements, reports of committees were received in the order in which the reports appear below. In each case the report was accepted with thanks to the committee for work well done.

REPORT OF PAPERS COMMITTEE—A. N. A. CONVENTION—1947

Papers were contributed this year by members and others, under the following titles:

1. "Portraits of Living Persons Upon United States Coins and Currency"—By Arlie R. Slabaugh, Oakland, Md.
2. "The Picture-Language of Coins"—By Harold Mattingly, London, England.
3. "Types of U. S. Gold Coins"—By Willis J. McKinney, Albany, N. Y.
4. "Synopsis of Recent Views on the Chronology of the Coinage of Republican Rome"—By Paul Pennington, Evanston, Ill.
5. "Monetary Regulations During the German Occupation in The Netherlands"—By Hans M. F. Schulman, New York City.
6. "Schools of Numismatics"—By Frank C. Ross, Kansas City, Mo.
7. "Interesting Spanish American Countermarks"—By Dr. Gilbert S. Perez, Manila, P. I.
8. "The Caecilian Elephant Denarii"—By Lewis G. Granger, Dayton, O.
9. "Canadian Playing Card Money"—By Lt. Col. Phares O. Sigler, Washington, D. C.
10. "The Story of the English Coinage"—By H. A. Seaby, London, England.
11. "Forged Shekels and Shekel Medals"—By Dr. Bruno Kisch, New York City.
12. "Occupied Philippines in Retrospect"—By Dr. P. I. de Jesus, Manila, P. I.
13. "Money of the Alaskan Indians"—By Howard D. Gibbs, Pittsburgh, Pa.
14. "The Numismatic Lawyer"—By Earle K. Stanton, Los Angeles, Calif.
15. "Wooden Money"—By Emil di Bella, New York City.
16. "Notes on Some Roman Medallions"—By Edward Gans, New York City.
17. "Early Coin Collecting in Europe"—By Christopher Blunt, Hungerford, England.
18. "Recent Coins of Kutch or Cutch, a Native State of India"—Ernst Kraus, Brooklyn, N. Y.
19. "Unusual Items of Fractional Currency"—By Dr. Frank Alvin Limpert, Royal Oak, Mich.
20. "The Cents of 1861 and 1862"—By David M. Bullowa, Philadelphia, Pa.
21. "The General Use of 6¼c and 12½c Notes Prior to the 1860's"—By Dr. John A. Muscalus, Bridgeport, Pa.
22. "How Money Reaches Circulation"—By T. R. Hammer, Marinette, Wisc.
23. "The Star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men"—By Hans W. Holzer, New York.

The task of the Papers Committee was made very simple by the fine cooperation extended by members in turning in papers, sometimes without being asked to do so. We believe that the quality of material contributed this year will at least come up to the efforts of previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY X. BOOSEL
VERNON BROWN
NORMAN MASON
RICHARD WEBB
FRANK SCHMIDT
JOSEPH COFFIN, Chairman

EDWARD T. NEWELL EXTENSION OF NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE

(Illustration Slides)

During the 1946-47 numismatic year, under the direction of Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Chairman of the General Educational Committee, all effort of this committee was directed to complete into slide form all U. S. pattern types according to A & W.

In this work some two thousand slides were impressed. These with other previously processed await arrangement into sets with lectures.

Some interesting and valuable research was undertaken and resulted in producing by impression and photography an improved line style illustration for printing purposes. This field is open for improving by several methods, ways and means for better numismatic illustrating both by photography, impression and molding with film, plastic and liquidatable plastic sheet.

Slides of color film will become a necessary part of this illustration work because certain numismatic items that are not practical to be used for impressing into plastic. At this time enough foundation work has been completed to show the practicability of color slides.

Therefore; Much work remains for the committee to be appointed for the 1947-48 A. N. A. year to complete sets from raw slides and to carry forward the work to better the illustration medium for promoting education in numismatics.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY X. BOOSEL
CHAS. E. GREEN
ROBT. L. MCBRIEN
DR. J. HEWITT JUDD
M. VERNON SHELDON, Chairman

TRADE MARK RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Col. Joseph Moss reported that the trade mark "THE NUMISMATIST" on our magazine would have expired early this year and that he had been appointed by the President to arrange for its renewal. He reported further that this had been accomplished.

There was some discussion on the advisability of having the trade mark registered in Canada, and the matter was referred to the Executive Board.

COIN PURCHASE COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee, Mr. Ernst Kraus, Chairman, was presented. It consisted of a list of coins purchased during the year, at a total cost of \$50, for addition to the Moritz Wormser Memorial Collection in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington when space is available. The report included a recommendation for an appropriation of \$100 for next year to be used for purchase of coins. The recommendation was referred to the Executive Board.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

During the past year this committee has selected several articles of special numismatic interest which have appeared previously in THE NUMISMATIST, and arranged for an adequate supply of reprints which have been offered for sale to collectors at nominal prices by the A. N. A. Librarian. While the sale of reprints published during the past two years has not been great, it is hoped that there will be more space available in future issues of THE NUMISMATIST so that regular publicity concerning available titles will increase the demand. New members will, as time goes on, undoubtedly use up the available supply of each reprint booklet.

The handling of reprints requires special preparation. It has been the experience of the Editor of THE NUMISMATIST that many articles are planned as reprints, sometimes months before being printed in THE NUMISMA-

TIST. It is therefore recommended that the selection and preparation of all matter for reprints be under the direct supervision of the Editor, subject to timely recommendations of the Executive Board. The necessity for advance instructions to the printer to preserve type after printing in THE NUMISMATIST makes this special authority necessary. Forms are usually dismantled immediately after printing. Our printer being several hundred miles distant from our editorial office presents a special set of conditions which must be provided for in some such manner as suggested above.

Because the booklet on coin collecting by Haskins has been out of print for some time, this committee at the suggestion of the General Secretary and Librarian, undertook the preparation of a new similar publication for distribution as a reprint. Through the combined efforts of each committee member and several well-known numismatists including William L. Clark, Paul Pennington, James Curto, Loyd Gettys, Damon Douglas, Burton Saxton and Ted Hammer, a booklet entitled *An Introduction to Coin Collecting* has been turned over to the Executive Board in manuscript form with the recommendation that the work be set up in eight point type suitably illustrated, consisting of 32 pages and cover of NUMISMATIST size. The book shall be listed with regular reprints and sold at a nominal cost to any person who desires a copy, or copies. The further suggestion is made that the material be run serially in THE NUMISMATIST as soon as practicable. In this manner all present members of the A. N. A. will receive the printed information gratis, and for a small cost new members will have helpful instructions for the beginner if they desire it.

The committee hopes that this publication will be but the forerunner of other similar informational books which may be made easily available to the membership at large.

The advice and assistance of both officers and members in our undertakings is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD F. HUGHES,
CHARLES KNOTH,
MARTIN KORTJOHN,
STUART MOSHER,
RICHARD S. YEOMAN, Chairman

NUMISMATIST AWARDS COMMITTEE

The report of this committee appeared in the March 1947 issue of THE NUMISMATIST. The President made the following additional remarks:

Some question has come to me as to the method of fixing the awards, and I want to tell you how it is done. The committee consisted of Stuart Mosher, F. G. Duffield, Kenneth W. Lee, Burton H. Saxton, Harley L. Freeman, J. Douglas Ferguson, and Joseph Coffin. They were instructed to go through the 1946 volume of THE NUMISMATIST and pick out, each of them individually, such articles as to them were the most important, contained the most information, which were of the most value to THE NUMISMATIST and to new collectors. Their individual reports were prepared independently.

There were eighteen awards to be made. When those reports came to me I gave eighteen points to first selections, seventeen points to second choices and so on down the line to one point for eighteenth place. Now, they were not in accord although they were much closer than you would reasonably expect for that number of men.

After adding all of the totals we arrived at what I believe is a fair consensus of opinion, and the awards were based on that figured consensus. If there is any better way of handling it please take it up with your incoming president.

(In a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board it was ordered that for the 1947 awards the cash prizes be restricted to three, first prize of \$75 and a suitable inscribed silver medal, second prize of \$50 and a suitably inscribed bronze medal, third prize of \$25. Special certificates will be awarded to those designated by the committee for Honorable Mention.)

SMITHSONIAN COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

In the March issue of THE NUMISMATIST there appeared a letter by William Guild a member of the A. N. A. complaining about the deplorable condition and gross neglect of the loan exhibit of our Association in the custody of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C. A number of letters by various individuals were sent to our President V. Leon Belt, which expressed various views and recommendations. After serious deliberation, the President appointed the following committee to confer and cooperate with the officials of the Smithsonian Institution:

Captain O. H. Dodson, USN, Washington, D. C.
Vernon L. Brown, New York, N. Y.
William Guild, West Newton, Mass.
Joseph H. Spray, Rutherford, N. J.
Joseph Moss, Chairman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Accordingly on July 24, 1947 the above committee met at the Smithsonian Institution. The following officials of the Institution were in attendance:

Dr. Alexander T. Wetmore, Secretary
Dr. J. E. Graf, Assistant Secretary
Theodore T. Belote, Curator of History, and in direct charge of the coin collections.
Dr. W. Blum, National Bureau of Standards.

An inspection was first made of the coin collection. Thereafter there was a full and lengthy discussion of all the various problems involved. Dr. Wetmore was asked to send to the chairman a detailed statement of the defects that the Institution desired to have corrected as well as his suggestions for improvements. He complied with this request by sending such a letter dated August 1, 1947. A copy of said letter is hereto attached.

It was pointed out that the room in which the collections are contained is guarded 24 hours a day by police officials and that the outside of the exhibit cases and the room are cleaned daily. The cases containing the gold coins are guarded by a special bullet proof glass. The Institution has already instituted a very important feature which will be of inestimable value to numismatists throughout the world. They contacted the National Bureau of Standards and requested that the Bureau assign one of its chemists to make tests on silver coins and to devise some preparation for the best preservation of silver coins. Accordingly the National Bureau of Standards assigned for this purpose one of its outstanding chemists, Dr. W. Blum, Chief, Electrodeposition Section, Division of Chemistry. Dr. Blum and his assistant have already made numerous tests and have devoted considerable time to this matter. The committee was shown the work done by Dr. Blum upon approximately 30 coins. The results achieved were remarkable. A summary of the methods employed for this purpose was submitted to each member of the committee, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Dr. Blum pointed out that only time will tell how successful the various methods employed will be. He is, however, undertaking to devise a means by which the time element may be accelerated. After tests have been completed upon silver coins, experiments will be made upon bronze, copper, brass and nickel coins.

Every possible courtesy was extended to the committee by Dr. Wetmore and his colleagues. They are extremely anxious to have our cooperation. The committee was very much impressed with their efficiency and the desire to be of service.

The Institution is now arranging to have its Assistant Secretary and Dr. Blum confer in New York City on September 25th with Joseph H. Spray a member of our committee on the subject of cleaning and lacquering coins. Mr. Spray is an expert in this field. He is the President of the New York Numismatic Society.

The committee has been actuated at all times and been guided by the policy set forth in a letter by President Belt who wrote on March 15, 1947:

"We are chartered by Congress as a Corporation not for pecuniary profit. Among our objects we are supposed to advance the knowledge of numismatics along educational, historical, and scientific lines, etc. In what better manner could part of this be accomplished than in exhibiting coins of general interest and in the biggest and best museum in the United States?"

In furtherance and stimulated by our President's views the committee is of the sincere belief that it expresses the hope of the American Numismatic Association that it is its ambition to lay the ground work and by its full cooperation to make the numismatic collection of our country in the Nation's Capital the equal if not the superior of any in the entire world.

This report is necessarily only a preliminary one. We realize full well that we have a herculean job, but we are resolved to do everything humanly possible to accomplish the best results.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPT. O. H. DODSON,
VERNON L. BROWN,
WILLIAM GUILD,
JOSEPH H. SPRAY,
COL. JOSEPH MOSS, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Julius Windner, Chairman, presented two resolutions at this time, one of which was adopted, the other referred back to the committee. For convenience of reference, the adopted resolution is included in the final report of the committee.

GEORGE H. BLAKE RECEIVES AN AWARD

Mr. Edward Fogler, speaking in behalf of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, announced that in recognition of twenty-five years of membership in that Society and his splendid contributions to numismatics, Mr. George H. Blake had been made a Fellow. A special engrossed certificate was presented to Mr. Blake.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

(Final Session)

The meeting convened at 9:50 A. M., President Belt presiding. The first order of business was the final report of the Resolutions Committee. Discussion on the resolutions and those not adopted have been omitted from these proceedings. The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas the American Numismatic Association has attained its present position through the untiring and uncompensated efforts of its Presidents, both present and past; and

Whereas the Association believes it fitting and proper to permanently perpetuate the memory of such presidents by means of the medallic art; now therefore be it

Resolved that appropriate medals, in gold, be struck to honor such presidents, and that these medals be presented to each of the living past presidents and to each president upon the conclusion of his term of office, with the approval of the Executive Board.

RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas numismatists are interested in the proper distribution of United States coinage for numismatic purposes, and

Whereas the distribution of stamps to philatelists has been successfully administered for many years by the Post Office Department through its Philatelic Agency, and

Whereas the American Numismatic Association is desirous of furthering the science of numismatics in our country, now therefore be it

Resolved that the American Numismatic Association recommend and request that the Secretary of the Treasury establish a Numismatic Agency in Washington, D. C.

RESOLUTION No. 3

Be it Resolved that any point system that may be adopted by the Awards Committee of National Coin Week be fully publicized in THE NUMISMATIST at the time of the first announcement of National Coin Week in any year.

RESOLUTION No. 4

Resolved that all donors to the Library during the past year be, and hereby are, given a vote of thanks for their generosity to the Association, and be it further

Resolved that members be urged to make contributions to the library of any material needed for circulation or for research, and that the Librarian be authorized to trade duplicates for any needed material.

RESOLUTION No. 5

Resolved that the American Numismatic Association extend its sincere thanks and gratitude to the Buffalo Numismatic Association, its officers, members and various committees for their splendid and most successful efforts in acting as host at the 56th annual convention of the Association, and for the gracious hospitality and the many courtesies extended to those in attendance at the convention, and be it further

Resolved that special thanks be extended to Dr. John Wild, General Chairman, and to Mrs. Wild for the many, many hours devoted to the careful planning and arrangement of the almost innumerable details connected with the convention and its most successful culmination all of which were donated to our cause without hope of personal remuneration.

The Association desires further to express its gratitude to the management of the Hotel Statler, and in particular to Mr. G. R. Barlos and Mr. Frank Becht, for the excellence of the facilities provided, the many courtesies, and complete cooperation that we have had during this most pleasant and delightful visit.

The Association also extends its thanks to Mr. Kneeland B. Wilkes, President of the City Council of Buffalo for his presence and address of welcome at our opening meeting.

Finally, the members of the Association, in convention assembled, desire to thank the Officers of the Association for their efforts in connection with the preparation and conduct of the convention and in particular, the Association's Convention Committee, consisting of Joseph Moss, J. Douglas Ferguson and Louis S. Werner, for its cooperation with the Buffalo Numismatic Association.

RESOLUTION No. 6

Be it Resolved that the American Numismatic Association request the President of the Association to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to confer with the proper Government authorities for the purpose of attempting to have the Government issue directly to the public coins of dollar or half dollar denomination which coins are to be issued in commemoration of significant historical events of national importance and to have the government issue to collectors at a premium specimen or proof coins of such national historical events.

RESOLUTION No. 7

In recognition of the arduous labors and splendid accomplishments rendered by him to the American Numismatic Association over a period of many years, be it

Resolved that the Association award a silver medal to Louis S. Werner.

RESOLUTION No. 8

Resolved that the Executive Board be requested to arrange for the manufacture or purchase of at least fifty additional display cases and the necessary locks and crates needed for storage and shipping.

RESOLUTION No. 9 (Proposed from the floor)

Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Resolutions Committee for its splendid work.

RESOLUTION No. 10 (Proposed from the floor)

Resolved that the National Coin Week Committee, and in particular its Chairman, Henry Schuhmacher, be given a vote of thanks for outstanding work and service to the Association. (Seconded and carried unanimously by standing vote.)

INVITATIONS FOR 1948 CONVENTION

On call by the President for invitations for future conventions, Mr. Edward Fogler resubmitted the invitation of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society for the Association to hold its 1949 convention in San Francisco.

An invitation from the Boston Numismatic Society for the 1948 convention in Boston was first presented to the Association at the 1946 convention in Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Henry Schuhmacher, President of the Boston Numismatic Society resubmitted the invitation as follows:

Mr. President, official family, ladies and gentlemen, I approach you from the East for a second time under a sign and a pass-word. The sign alludes to the contour of the famous bean pot. The pass-word, now disclosed, is, ON-TO-BOSTON.

Friends of the Numismatic World, ritual is entirely unnecessary on this occasion, but so many of you had participated in the several honors conferred upon me that you ALL are hereby initiated into the mystic order of F. O. B.—FRIENDS OF BOSTON.

You will recall, at the Davenport Convention I had the privilege and the honor of introducing a three year convention program for BUFFALO-BOSTON-SAN FRANCISCO. On that occasion the response by delegates in attendance, was overwhelming evidence of approval. Taking a cue from this endorsement on the convention floor, the Executive Board selected Buffalo for 1947. BUFFALO-WE-ARE-HERE. AND we made no mistake in coming to BUFFALO.

Now, Boston is preparing to give you a good convention. If my word or action of the past is of any value, I, PERSONALLY guarantee you the utmost within our power, by the maximum of endeavor.

May we address the new Executive Board. We have here a brochure assembled by the world-famous Boston Chamber of Commerce. Within these covers you will find personal invitations to you from the Governor of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston, the Postmaster of Boston, the Chamber of Commerce, several leading hotels, AND FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST, IF NOT THE OLDEST COIN-Collector Club of the country, now celebrating its eighty-seventh anniversary, THE BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, of which I am justly proud to be its president.

We also have here, a copy of the August number of HOLIDAY magazine. In this issue you will find 16 pages of photographs and information regarding Boston. All prepared in a better manner and form than we are capable of. The Curtis Publishing Company editors have pre-

sented this story to the entire nation, the entire world, more especially to you gentlemen of the Executive Board.

Mr. Secretary, as a member of the new Executive Board, we give you these invitations and this magazine. In your official deliberations, we beg you to consider favorably—The Athens of America, The Garden Spot of America, The Convention spot of America—BOSTON!

Listen, my friends, and you shall hear
of Boston Town and Paul Revere.
Hardly a man is now alive
who remembers our Birth and WE survive.
The Boston Society of Numismatics, please,
greet you all on bended knees.
A very old club, now eighty and eight,
come see us next year, let's make it a date.
Boston Common and Old North Church,
crooked streets and the pigeon's perch.
Historic treasures of old, galore,
and too, our tunnel on the harbor floor.
Suffolk, Middlesex, famous counties,
we do not have the Northwest mounties.
Lexington, Concord, national shrines,
upon them the sun forever shines.
Miles Standish, Priscilla, the Village Smithy,
Longfellow, Holmes, mighty pithy.
We give you the best of all the nation,
may we welcome you friends, of the Numismatic Association.

Thank you

The invitation from Boston was received with enthusiastic approval and referred to the Executive Board.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

The President invited the Chairman of the Election Committee to make the report for that committee, which follows, and after it was submitted, it was moved by Mr. Douglas, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read, that the committee be discharged with hearty thanks for its arduous labor, and that the General Secretary be authorized and directed to destroy the ballots.

Mr. President and Members of the A. N. A.

Your election Committee consisting of Charles P. Knoth, Russell W. Stehfest, Harry Mathews, C. David Pierce, Dr. F. Stevens Epps, James J. Curto, Norman B. Mason, has received, inspected and tabulated the total vote cast for the Officers and Members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year (1947-1948). We attest to the results as follows:

Total ballots mailed out	7236
Total ballots cast	2680
Total ballots invalidated	6
Total ballots validated	2674

Ballots for Nominees were cast as follows:

For President—Damon G. Douglas	1083
Loyd Gettys	1586
1st Vice President—Ralph A. Mitchell	913
M. Vernon Sheldon	1747
2nd Vice President—Lillard W. Culver	1034
Harold R. Klein	1562
General Secretary—Lewis M. Reagan	2582
Treasurer—George H. Blake	2413
Librarian—Ted R. Hammer	2495

Members of the Board of Governors

Stephen H. Bibler	553
Vernon L. Brown	1695
Victor B. Chambers	526
Edward Fogler	1904
Alfred Hutter	383
Dr. J. Hewitt Judd	1930
John H. Morris, Jr.	552
Col. Joseph Moss	1949
Michael A. Powills	549
Henry Schuhmacher	580
Charles M. Wormser	645
Richard S. Yeoman	1745

The following are the officers and Board of Governors which your Election Committee certifies and declares duly elected:

President	Loyd Gettys
1st Vice President	M. Vernon Sheldon
2nd Vice President	Harold R. Klein
General Secretary	Lewis M. Reagan
Treasurer	George H. Blake
Librarian and Curator	Ted R. Hammer

Board of Governors

Col. Joseph Moss	Dr. J. Hewitt Judd
Edward Fogler	Richard S. Yeoman

Vernon L. Brown

Signed: CHARLES P. KNOTH
 RUSSELL W. STEHFEST
 HARRY MATHEWS
 C. DAVID PIERCE
 F. STEVENS EPPS
 JAMES J. CURTO
 NORMAN MASON
 JOSEPH F. MALEY, Chairman

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Upon the acceptance of the report of the Election Committee, the committee was discharged with thanks, and the General Secretary was authorized to destroy the ballots. The President then invited Past President J. Douglas Ferguson to come forward and install the newly elected officers. Mr. Ferguson addressed the convention as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen: It is always a pleasure to be called upon to do anything for the Association, and this is something which I naturally had no idea I was to be called upon to do. Particularly it is a pleasure to, in a small way, participate in the inauguration of the men who are privileged to carry on the affairs of our Association during the next year. I think we will all agree that they are men who are fully capable of the responsibilities, the very large responsibilities that are theirs.

I would ask the men whose names have just been mentioned as having been elected to these high offices in our organization to come forward for a few moments. (They did so and the following remarks were directed to the new officers.)

Gentlemen, I am sure that you all realize the responsibilities which are yours in having been elected to administer the affairs of our Association during this coming year. You have all had considerable experience in

the matters of our Association, as well as in the problems of life which are your every day occupations. I am delighted to see so many sections of the American Continent of the Great United States of America represented on this Board, and I do feel that the members of the Association have been particularly wise in seeing that the membership of the Board would be as representative as possible of the various sections of the nation.

And just as they have shown their good judgment in that respect, I know that you men, during your term of office, will be very careful to administer that respect in seeing that the affairs of the Association will be fairly discharged.

There is always a bit of sadness in connection with any election, in that others who were also very capable were not elected to office, but those men are big men, and I know that your hope is as mine, that at some other date in the future the Association will be privileged to have those men guide the affairs of office in the Association.

And so, gentlemen, I charge you to follow in the very highest interests of the Association and I know that we won't be disappointed in the great progress which will be made under your administration. I now, therefore, declare that each of you is hereby installed in the office to which you were elected.

(The members of the Association extended the newly elected and installed officers a rising vote of applause.)

PAST PRESIDENT BELT: It gives me great pleasure to pass the gavel of authority over to my successor, Mr. Loyd Gettys.

PRESIDENT GETTYS: Thank you, Leon. Fellow numismatists, ladies and gentlemen: I do not have adequate words to express my very great and deep appreciation for the honor our Association has given me this day. I approach my new duties humble in spirit, conscious of its great responsibility, and I pledge you that I will do the best job that it is humanly possible for me to perform. I also pledge for your officers that in the consideration of their problems they will always have one thing uppermost in mind—would it benefit the American Numismatic Association!

And to you, Damon, I thank you so much for your gracious sportsmanship. Such splendid spirit continues to build a militant American Numismatic Association.

Is there any further business to come before the convention? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

GENERAL SECRETARY REAGAN: I would be pleased to have the honor of moving that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Oscar Schilke, carried unanimously, whereupon the President declared the convention adjourned, sine die.

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1938-D Jefferson35	.25
1937-P35	.25
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1937-D50	.30
1936-P50	.35
1936-D60	.35
1936-S75	.45
1940-P25	.20
1940-D50	.35
1940-S35	.35
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1941-S50	.35

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1935-D	1.25	.85
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1936-D85	.60
1937-D60	.45
1938-P50	.45
1938-D60	.45
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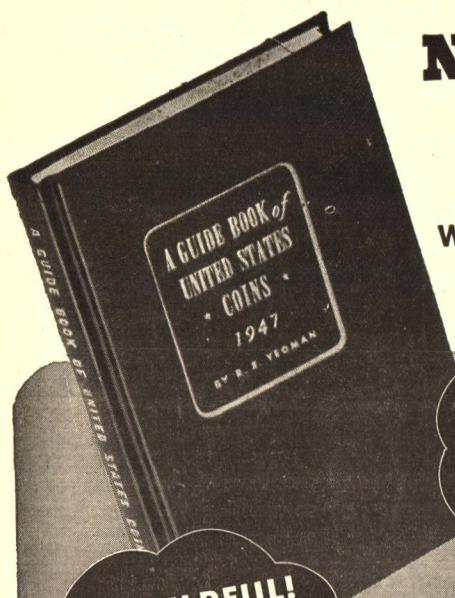
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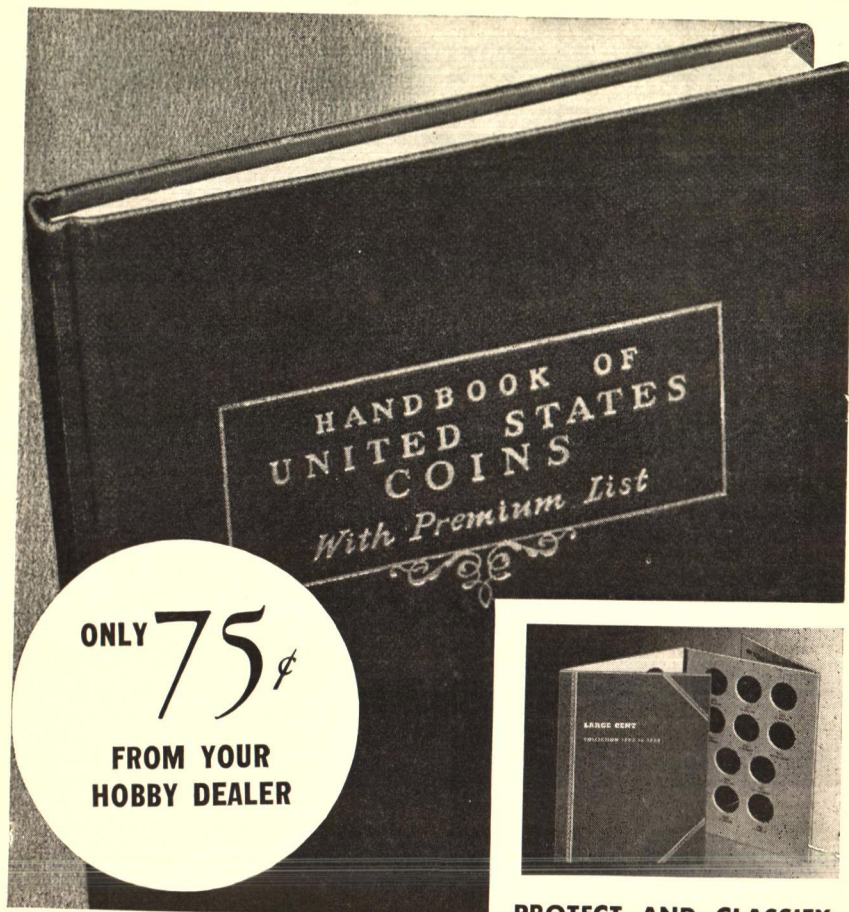
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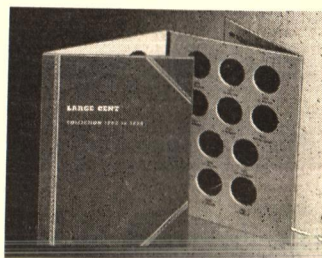
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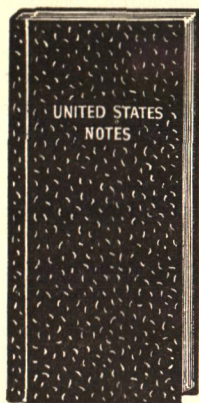
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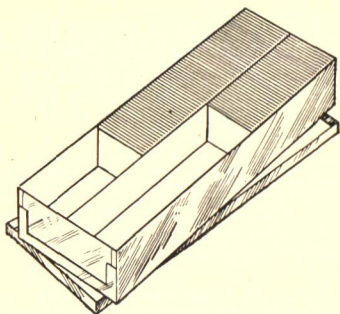
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The members of The Buffalo Numismatic Association feel highly honored by the splendid attendance at the Convention, which, by a wide margin, broke all previous records. 315 A. N. A. Members and 265 Visitors registered. These figures do not include the many local visitors who were attracted by newspaper and radio publicity.

It may be interesting, particularly to visiting members and those accompanying them, to know that the Convention was a complete financial success and this without any financial assistance from anyone, except for temporary loans from local club members who were all repaid in full.

THERE WAS NO DEFICIT.

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1947 A. N. A. Convention



MISCELLANEOUS LIBRARY NOTES

By TED R. HAMMER, A. N. A. Librarian

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In the past, a few—a very few—authors and publishers have declined to contribute works on the grounds that if the library had them available for free loans to members, sales would be reduced. Most authors, publishers and dealers do not agree, however. But the librarian for some six or eight years has made it a point to purchase and donate not less than one work a year. Several dealers have told us that the library has increased their book sales. Many members write us for a loan, stating they wish to look over books before deciding whether to buy them.

We receive on the average more than one letter a month from a public library desiring information on what numismatic books to buy for the general public. The latest request is from our librarian in Marinette. Most librarians write us for suggestions after collectors have hinted that it might be a good idea. Why don't you try it?

August donations were by two men: Philip Chase gave a copy of his work, "Confederate Treasury Notes," and its library number is C-59. This comprehensive and exhaustive work by Mr. Chase fills a need long felt among collectors of this series. He has pictured counterfeits, pointing out how to avoid the purchase of these. Various papers are described, contemporary notes are included, adding greatly to the value of this book. To the col-

lector who has wondered about classifying his notes, this book will be of special value. Also of value is the bibliography preceding the opening chapter. While much of the subject matter appeared in the series in THE NUMISMATIST, Mr. Chase has made numerous revisions and arrangements.

O. P. Eklund made five important donations. He sent a complete set of his works on copper coins.

His additional contributions are: miscellaneous copies of The Elder Monthly; miscellaneous copies of Mehl's Numismatic Monthly; complete volumes 7 to 10 of Mehl's Numismatic Monthly; Miscellaneous issues of The American Journal of Numismatics, Volumes 20 to 24. The library's set of the Mehl monthly is far from complete, but the Eklund contribution helped greatly. The donation of the Eklund articles will be bound together, and when the library's "swap" project is completed we will have three complete sets in the library—one in the bound Numismatist, one set bound with each article separate, and the new one bound together. This will mean fewer delays for borrowers and less postage than having to borrow several volumes of The Numismatist.

With the exception of the Eklund articles already listed in previous Library Notes, the articles are at the bindery but will be available by mid-October.

We were happy to greet many borrowers, donors and others at the Buffalo convention, where scores took the trouble to stop at the library exhibit. We had the library's 60 most popular books on display—and it was quite a job to select 60 from nearly 2,000 books. We must admit getting quite a thrill out of looking at the registration badge of a member—and recognizing the name and address from having shipped books or written letters. We also received numerous valuable hints and suggestions from members. And other hints came from Martin Kortjohn and Otto Sghia.



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SIDELIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

The Buffalo 1947 Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association will long be remembered by those who were there to enjoy it. On the surface the meeting was one of easy formality. Actually, every minute and every event of the Convention was timed with clock-like precision. It was a carefully planned, swift moving affair. The plans laid by Dr. John H. Wild and his hard-working committee provided for a wide variety of entertainment, yet there was no restraint and each visitor was permitted to do very much as he liked.

A convention, to be successful, must achieve an atmosphere of congeniality that can be felt by each and every visitor. If that elusive, indefinable mood is not attained, the affair is a dull one. The Buffalo Convention was certainly not dull and if a single visitor failed to enjoy himself immensely he was not among those we talked with—and we talked with nearly everyone there.

The five days and five nights passed swiftly and we believe that we were not alone in the wish that the Convention might last "a little while longer."

This issue carries a comprehensive report of the Business Meetings and Official Yearly Reports. In several instances only a summary is given, though no essential details have been omitted.

For the "Sidelights of the Convention" we are greatly indebted to Helen G. Lewis, T. R. Hammer, Joe Coffin, R. S. Yeoman, Louis S. Werner, Norman B. Mason, and others who contributed their observant comments.—S. M.

Impressions of the 1947 Convention

The Convention just finished is now a memory, and a good memory for everyone who attended. It seemed as though almost every collector in the country was in Buffalo, but there were still a few familiar faces missing, unfortunately, including old-timers like Farran Zerbe and F. C. C. Boyd. There were visitors from such widely separated places as

Winnipeg, Manitoba and London, England and it is good to note that this year's attendance was the largest ever recorded, the number of visitors exceptional and the dealers' bourse covered a larger area, and more dealers were represented than ever before in the history of the American Numismatic Association.

Dealers seemed to do a lively business and, from all accounts, were well satisfied with the results. Prices in most instances continued high, with a few low priced surprises now and then. Dealers' stocks were of good quality and varied, though most visitors, including many of the townspeople, seemed to favor the exhibits of the collectors themselves. This is natural, since a collector is apt to display his numismatic items in a more orderly fashion, while the dealer must, of course, be governed most by what he can sell to best advantage. Many non-collecting visitors were noted (if you wonder how to differentiate between collectors and non-collectors, you can really tell when the two types are mixed, even without eavesdropping) and they seemed quite impressed, particularly with such items as the Brasher doubloon, which coin has received the most publicity. The motion picture of the same name was also shown to members. The writer saw the picture in New York and, being rather obtuse, never got the connection between the Brasher doubloon and the rest of the story. Nevertheless, everyone agreed it was a good picture.

Arrangements for entertainment of the visitors and their womenfolk were perfect in every respect and everybody who wanted to had a good time. The A. N. A. and the Buffalo Numismatic Association are to be congratulated on the excellent features provided. Many numismatists' wives, alas, are not sympathetic towards their husbands' collecting activities, as we have found from long experience (not personal.) However, we must admit that all the ladies seemed to be having a most enjoyable time, without having to become involved in numismatics at all, unless they felt so inclined, and a good many of them did.

—Joseph Coffin

Business Meeting Highlights

Despite the fact the Buffalo Convention was attended by more persons than any other in history, the business meetings moved along rapidly and much was accomplished. There was not a unanimous vote on every question, but the disagreements were few, personalities did not mark debates and sessions ended promptly.

This was a planned convention, as agreed upon at the 1946 convention in Davenport. And the "plans" were made to work.

A short meeting was held Saturday afternoon, August 23, at which time V. Leon Belt, president, announced convention committees. This made it possible to start the Monday morning meeting with a minimum of preliminaries.

Following a report by the auditing committee that the association's business had been handled in a satisfactory manner, Ralph Mitchell, second vice president, reported on district secretaries' duties, urging that all fulfill their obligations. He stressed the importance of getting new collectors into the association and keeping old ones in the A. N. A.

Douglas Ferguson, paying a high tribute to Stuart Mosher and Burton Saxton, editor and business manager, respectively, of *The Numismatist*, presented them with Life Member certificates awarded by the board of governors.

Col. Joseph Moss, on Tuesday morning, made the report on coins in the Smithsonian Institution, stating that a meeting was held in Washington between his committee and persons interested in and connected with the Smithsonian. These men, he said, had a high regard for the ANA, and the Bureau of Standards already is helping on a plan whereby the collection will be kept in a better condition. Officials of the Institution also hope that better facilities for the coin displays will be available.

One reason the business sessions moved along so well was that Julius Windner, Harry X. Boosel and Oscar Schilke of the resolutions committee did such excellent work. They offered resolutions Tuesday approving principles recommended Monday by Mr. Saxton on the question of grad-

ing coins; on presenting gold medals to retiring presidents (and to all living past presidents); and thanking all donors of material to the ANA library during the year.

As the Wednesday session got under way, some feared there was too much business on the agenda for a single morning, but the meeting ended promptly after the busiest of the four sessions.—T. R. H.

Delayed Greetings from Mr. Gonzales

As the business meeting progressed many of us were puzzled because no official word had been received from our veteran District Secretary from Georgia, John J. Gonzales, A. N. A. No. 2431. In past years, greetings from Mr. Gonzales have been a signal that the Convention is officially underway. This year it was not his fault. Due to an unexplained error his official greetings were not delivered. This is what he sent:

Greetings:

Duty detaining me at home. Am keenly disappointed over having to miss the Convention, especially as this is my 25th year as District Secretary. I trust continued efforts will result in securing percentage of A. N. A. members this coming year.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. GONZALES,
A. N. A. 2431,
Atlanta, Georgia

Board Members Kept Busy

Our hard working Board Members did not enjoy as much of the Convention as did their wives and others who were in attendance. Tireless Leon Belt, the whip-cracking President from Phoenix, Arizona, kept them in a huddle most of the time when he was not conducting the business sessions. Our new President, Loyd Gettys, saw to it that they didn't get any rest during the final session either.

The Board Members were persuaded to take the Lake Erie boat trip—but even then they devoted most of their time on the boat to the business affairs of the A. N. A.

Old Timers Enjoy Convention

Probably no group added more lustre to the Convention, had more fun, and afforded more pleasure to others than did the Old Timers. They were on the go every minute of the five days and some of the younger members found it difficult to follow their pace. Their advice on all phases of numismatics was eagerly and constantly sought. At the Grand Banquet, those who had been members for 50 years were asked to stand and take a bow. Then others who were members for 45, 40, 35 years and so on down the line were asked to stand. When the ovations died down George J. Bauer arose and humorously complained that he had been slighted for no request was made for those to stand who had been members for 55 years. Mr. Bauer joined the Association in 1892, his original number was 93 and his Life Member number 4.

Burton H. Saxton, Business Manager of The Numismatist, and George H. Blake, our Treasurer, joined the Association in 1907. Mr. Saxton can claim seniority in this instance for he joined one month before Mr. Blake. Among other Old Timers attending the Convention were B. Max Mehl, No. 522; F. T. Joers, No. 1882; A. H. Plumb, No. 1321; H. D. Gibbs, No. 1949; H. M. Grant, No. 2239; L. W. Hoeffcker, LM 68; and T. James Clarke, LM 37.

Loses Bride at Niagara Falls

Our newly elected 1st Vice President and his charming bride celebrated their first anniversary while at the Convention. Naturally they took the trip to Niagara Falls which is a fitting and proper thing for young married couples to do. Though the honeymoon was a bit belated, everything would have been all right if they hadn't taken a ride on the Maid of the Mist, the little boat that sails the Niagara River directly below the rapids. We don't know what happened except there was some kind of a mix-up and our 1st Vice President returned to Buffalo, temporarily minus his bride. An investigation revealed that this was the first instance of a man losing his wife at the Falls since the Maid of the Mist was launched some 150 years ago. Fortunately, the separation was a brief

one, and that night our hero and his bride received a mighty ovation when introduced at the Life Members' Party.

Dr. Wild Made President of LMC

The Life Members Association, which now has over 200 members,



Dr. John H. Wild

met in Buffalo and elected Dr. John H. Wild as president. Howard M. Myers, 106 Fernhill Avenue, Buffalo 15, New York, has been appointed secretary. Other committee appointments will be announced in The Numismatist at a later date.

Mr. Blake Receives Ovation

Probably the loudest and longest ovation heard at any time during the Convention was that given our veteran Treasurer, George H. Blake, at his introduction Tuesday morning during the business session. He received numerous honors and awards—he avoided others. His faithful services over so long a period, his constant integrity, and his gentle humor have won for him the respect and affection of every member of the A. N. A.

Life Members Party

One of the big surprises of the Convention, in more ways than one, was the Life Members Party held in the Chinese Room the night of August 24. It was open to all visitors to the Convention and about 200 attended. An elaborate dinner was served at 9.30, followed by hours and hours of professional entertainment. Dynamic Sol Kaplan took over as master of ceremonies and it was not long before he had everyone calling each other by their first name.



Bonnie Stewart and Joanne Di Bello

Mingling with the guests were two luscious oriental girls and there was no end of surprise when it was discovered that they were named Bonnie Stewart and Joanne Di Bello, and that their fathers belonged to the B. N. A.

An impromptu and delightful part of the evenings entertainment was the singing by the A. N. A. Quintet, composed of Douglas Ferguson, Mike Powills, Morris Klaif, and Mr. and Mrs. Damon G. Douglas. Another pleasant feature was the piano music provided by Mrs. Carl Brandts, especially her rendition of Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C Sharp Minor.

2nd Vice President Eats Alone

Nearby the Hotel Statler is an open-all-night-restaurant that did a

land-office business off coin collectors in search of a midnight or early a. m. snack. Our newly elected 2nd Vice President happened to be passing by it early one a. m., and was delighted to recognize about thirty of his friends inside. He hurried in, gave his order and as he was about to join his "friends" the entire group, by some prearranged agreement got up and walked out of the restaurant, only to stand leering through the plate glass window at the lone diner. Neither our 2nd Vice President, the countermen, nor the cashier have been able to figure it out.

Left His Ballot At Home

We like the Convention story told by Secretary Reagan about the absent minded member who came up to him and wanted to get a duplicate ballot because he had "left his at home."

56th Anniversary Banquet

The final event on the Convention program was the 56th Anniversary Banquet held Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Statler. As was the rest of the Convention program, the Banquet was a fast moving, pleasant affair. The speeches and acknowledgements were brief, the food and service of the best, and the music and singing easy to listen to.

After the invocation by the Rev. Elias Rasmussen, Dr. John H. Wild introduced the Toastmaster, Edward A. Gilroy of the Buffalo Numismatic Association.

The Honorable John Knight, judge in the Federal Courts, presented Convention medals struck in gold to our Treasurer, George H. Blake, and to our new President, Loyd B. Gettys.

On behalf of the A. N. A., Col. Joseph Moss presented the Buffalo Numismatic Association with an engraved plaque in recognition of the splendid manner in which it entertained the 1947 Convention.

The Rev. Neil Crawford, speaker of the evening, closed the program with a twenty minute talk on the "Mystery of Money."

"It is not enough for a wealthy nation to have goodwill toward the world," the Rev. Mr. Crawford said. "We need leaders who know enough about economic forces to understand the effect of the laws they make."

"The mystery of money," he added, "is borne out in the fact that agreement can not be reached on its definition."

"It is personality in negotiable form. It is the fruit of men's labor and the root of their good and evil. It is a usable symbol of sweat and swag, toil and treasure."

Along Coin Dealers Row

By Helen G. Lewis

To paraphrase one of the famous operas a reporter's life is not a happy one. This reporter was given the assignment of interviewing all dealers present in the bourse, but due to not being able to locate some of them at their stands and being reluctant to break in upon others while they were with prospective customers (?) some of the members of the trade were not interviewed, though through no oversight or personal feelings.

Let us generalize for a few moments—among the twenty-one dealers interviewed there were nine life members and four whose numbers are below 4000.

These men seemed to have chosen all the various means of transportation to reach Buffalo, for instance, by train seven, plane four, private automobile nine and one by both plane and train.

The states represented are as follows: New York 8, Ohio 5, Illinois 2, and one each from Pennsylvania, Texas, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, District of Columbia and London, England.

Of the twenty-one dealers interviewed, twelve were accompanied by their charming wives and helpmates. Of the remaining nine, the majority were loathe to elucidate upon the present marital status and your reporter refrained from pressing the point.

The idea behind this bird's eye view of convention life among the dealers was to get somewhat of the personal angle and to obtain their reactions to this convention with personal quotes from each, but the comments were so nearly identical that your reporter feels it would be needless repetition, so we shall generalize the comments with a few exceptions. The consensus of opinion

appeared to be sincerely and wholeheartedly in agreement that this was by far the most outstanding and enjoyable convention yet with one exception, that being that the dealers were not allowed enough time with the collectors due to the many scheduled events. They would like in the future to have more time in which to meet and mingle with the collectors.

For some few this was the first convention and your reporter has been assured it is only the beginning of what they hope to be many more such pleasant experiences.

We are all heartily in accord that this was indeed a most delightful convention and a great tribute to Buffalo, its club, club members and their ladies.

To quote one dealer and old time collector "It would be grand indeed if during conventions we could see more numismatic seminars and many more serious collectors."

All in all we had a glorious time and are looking forward to many, many more.

Louis S. Werner to Get Medal

Even Leon Belt had trouble keeping up with his sergeant-at-arms, dapper Louis Werner. In other years, Louie had difficulty being two or three places at once—this year he was expected to do far more than that. He was busy days before the Convention opened and when the banquet finally got under way, he was kept too busy even to sit down promptly at his table, although this was the final event on the program. But Werner is going to receive a medal for his efforts, and it couldn't be given to a nicer fellow.

Impromptu Party Held

The banquet hall off the lobby of Hotel Statler was borrowed with the manager's consent early one morning when there appeared no place else to go. The plan was conceived by Ralph Mitchell, Hans Schulman and Mrs. Howard E. MacIntosh who desired the hall because there was a piano there. Mrs. Carl Brandts, whose piano playing was a high point at the Life Member party, did not play at the ball room event—but she and her husband enjoyed dancing to the music provided by Schulman.

Not all those who accepted the invitation to the early morning party were too interested in dancing. In one corner, a group of lodge brothers discussed lodge work, while an amateur magician entertained in another corner. And the biggest group was comprised of mere onlookers.

ACDA To Issue Brochure

Approval of the issuance of a brochure was voted at a meeting of the American Coin Dealers Association Saturday, August 23, at Buffalo. The brochure will be sent first to new members of the A. N. A. and eventually to all members, according to Charles M. Wormser, president. The brochure will be a small handbook issued as an introduction to coin collecting. Dealers also said plans were discussed for forming a credit system, under which all collectors would receive credit cards.

The ACDA will elect officers later, by mail ballot.

CONVENTION ANGLE FOR LADIES

By Helen G. Lewis

The ladies were most graciously and lavishly entertained by our host, The Buffalo Numismatic Association during our stay at the Convention. The many events scheduled for us were completely and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were treated to the wonderful display of watches of T. James Clark, an experience which many of us had never had and one that we shall long remember. This display comprised many of the world's most famous watches of days long since past.

A treat which every woman present would not have missed was a most beautiful display of fashions for the coming seasons. All types of clothes were present and many of us were thrilled when the lovely furs came upon the scene. What subject can be nearer a woman's heart than beautiful clothing!

On Tuesday evening, for the ladies who did not care to attend the Auction Sale, a Theatre Party had been arranged for the showing of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" and this theatre turned out to be presenting a double feature that evening. This party was pronounced quite de-

lightful by all in attendance, both ladies and their escorts.

Your reporter did see a number of ladies in attendance at the Auction Sale and they appeared to be enjoying it, though I wonder whether the Auction was of interest or what friend hubby was spending.

Wednesday morning we were the guests of Hengerer's Department Store on the early morning Breakfast Radio Program. This morning's program was held exclusively for members and guests of the A. N. A. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the various stunts and quizzes and a light breakfast was served immediately following the half hour broadcast. Since most of us had never attended an audience participation broadcast we experienced a fine sense of elation in so doing, though only a few of our number were fortunate enough to be chosen to participate.

Last, but not least by any manner of means, were the features which were exclusively for the ladies, each lady upon registering was presented with a lovely and most attractive pin and a Whitman Sampler.

The ladies were also participants in the several scheduled trips to Niagara Falls, the three lovely museums of Buffalo, and the very delightful boat trip on the lake on Sunday afternoon, which was most refreshing to all.

The ladies of the Buffalo Numismatic Association were most charming and gracious and endeavored in every manner possible to make each and every one of us feel at home and to see that we enjoyed ourselves as never before. Their efforts were not in vain for each one present had the most wonderful time of any convention ever attended. This definitely was the consensus of opinion of all the ladies and it is our desire to express to the members of the Buffalo Club and their ladies our heartfelt thanks for and deep appreciation of their many and tireless efforts to assure us of this the greatest convention of all and the grandest time of our lives. We hasten to assure them that this is indeed the case and say again many, many thanks.

On to Boston in 1948 for another such happy time at which time may we renew the many happy friendships which we have made this year and shall cherish dearly in the years to come. Buffalo, you have done a grand job in behalf of the ladies and our hats are off to you!

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TWILIGHT ZONES OF CLASSIFICATION

By BURTON H. SAXTON

(A paper read before the 1947 A. N. A. Convention, supplementary to his annual report as Business Manager. The Convention later unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that the paper be approved in principle.)

I am aware of the fact that the important question of rating the condition of coins has been discussed often and at length by both dealers and collectors, over a period of many years. I am also of the opinion that, speaking generally, the situation is still far from satisfactory.

During the four and one-half years of my connection with our official journal I have reviewed copy for hundreds of advertisements, containing altogether many thousands of price quotations; copy that was read in advance of sending it to the printer, and likewise read in subsequent proof sheets; naturally these listings stated condition as well as price. This experience, added to forty years of collecting and studying certain groups of coins, impels me to submit to this convention a number of comments and suggestions.

I have read and heard with interest many ideas advanced which, in the opinion of their sponsors, would, if adopted, solve the difficult problem of grading to the satisfaction of collectors and dealers alike. In virtually all of these cases, the tendency was toward a refinement of classification, based upon some formula more or less intricate, with which both buyer and seller would need to be familiar. Regardless of their theoretical merits, I believe them to be fatally impractical.

But independently of formulas, none of us can have escaped noting the trend in recent years to introduce finer shadings of condition in many advertisements. I do *not* question the dealer's sincerity in this, nor the accuracy of his grading: that is beside the point. What I do question is the soundness of the practice itself, from the standpoint of the general welfare of numismatics; for, in my opinion, it has added unnecessary standards which I do not believe are welcome to thoughtful collectors.

I submit the solution lies in simplifying rather than expanding. May I illustrate a striking example of this, selected from former years, one of the most notable sales in our history, and by a dealer whose death occurred several years ago; I refer to the great John Story Jenks sale by Henry Chapman in 1921.

A review of that catalogue of over 7,000 lots reveals a complete adherence to a simple—and, I believe, *adequate*—scale of grading: GOOD, VERY GOOD, FINE, VERY FINE, EXTREMELY FINE, UNCIRCULATED, and PROOF. Only in rare cases did he add his opinion the specimen was a “gem,” a term which has become commonplace in these present days. As a matter of fact, twenty or more years ago this restraint in description seemed to be an accepted course—and, happily, it still obtains in certain quarters.

In contrast with the foregoing we are now confronted with a scale which reaches into the narrow twilight zones of classification somewhat as follows: POOR, FAIR, ABOUT GOOD, GOOD, VERY GOOD, ABOUT FINE, FINE, ABOUT VERY FINE, VERY FINE PLUS, A GOOD VERY FINE, ABOUT EXTREMELY FINE, ABOUT UN-

CIRCULATED, UNCIRCULATED, SEMI-PROOF, PROOF, BRILLIANT PROOF.

I have seen others, but these have become familiar!

When a coin is classed as, for example, "about extremely fine" it would appear that it is better than "very fine" but not quite up to the standard of "extremely fine." The term "about" is found scattered all through the list.

I cannot believe it indicates a legitimate classification. If such does exist, it is microscopic, and what two minds, both sincere, one a dealer's and the other a collector's, are likely to coincide at a microscopic point of description? The same charge may be brought against the term "a good very fine," or "very fine *plus*." Herein lies the possibility of disappointment and later criticism.

It should be remembered that the collector is the one who passes final judgment on the fairness of the description; and a simple formula is, I believe, the safer one, and a confidence builder besides. Downright conservative rating is good salesmanship, and will, in the long run, pay more dividends than will panegyrics.

One more comment on the word "about": I again maintain it has no place in our descriptions for the additional reason that it is wrongly supposed to have the same limited meaning as "almost." "About," as an approximation, may actually mean more or less: for example, "about ten miles"; "*almost* extremely fine" definitely classifies the coin as somewhat *less* than extremely fine. The unfitness of the former is illustrated in the term "about uncirculated." I suggest this word be eliminated from our ad copy, and when the perfection of a truly uncirculated coin is not quite reached, we list it as "almost uncirculated"—this one exception I believe to be consistent, and not only justified but frequently necessary to a fair description.

In direct connection with the subject of grading, may I call attention to a frequent practice of heading columns of prices G-VG, F-VF, XF-UNC. In each instance it would appear the same price is quoted for two different conditions. The collector orders a coin from the column headed F-VF; he may hope for one classed as VF, but he has no recourse if it turns out to be only F. Occasionally an extreme overlapping is noted, when the column headings read G-VG, VG-F, F-VF, VF-XF. In each of these cases two different prices are quoted for the same coin—a practice that seems to me without defense.

In conclusion, may I condense into a sentence my suggested solution of the major problems of grading condition: that we can, in this instance, make progress by going back to the older methods of fewer but definite grades, and of clean cut classifications which leave little if any room for argument; in short, by substituting the simple for the complex.

No doubt the position I have taken will encounter more or less disagreement. But my conclusions have not been hastily reached, and they are submitted in the sincere belief that they deserve at least your thoughtful consideration; moreover, they are offered from a wholly impersonal standpoint, and in good spirit.

CHASE'S "CONFEDERATE TREASURY NOTES"

A REVIEW

By AUGUST DIETZ, SR., Richmond, Va.

It is given few men to write a finished book—a book that needs no supplement and no sequel and no errata—particularly if its textual content is made up of highly specialized data.

Philip H. Chase of Philadelphia has contributed such a work to the science of numismatics in his volume "Confederate Treasury Notes," just off the press. It will be its *vade mecum* for all time.

True, earlier students have ventured into this intriguing field and through earnest and patient research contributed their part to the sum total of knowledge on the subject in their time. Great credit is due these pioneers of the Old Guard, most of whom have long passed from the scene. Familiar to those who collect these old Treasury notes of "The Lost Cause" are the names of Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, Dr. William Lee, J. W. Hazeltine, R. P. Thian, C. H. Bechtel, George W. Massamore, Charles D. Barker, Wayte Raymond, W. W. Bradbeer and H. D. Allen—to all of whom Chase has acknowledged his indebtedness for the excellent spade-work on the foundations of the structure.

But he has gone on from where they left the task and brought order out of a confusion of data, and substituted system for chaos—in fact, redesigned the conflicting plans, and by these plans built a finished book.

I have been assured that the interest in Confederate Treasury Notes is quite wide-spread; but, unfortunately, the collecting of these relics has been seriously handicapped, not by the scarcity of material, but by the need of an authoritative guide.

For decades Bradbeer's work had been the reference-book of the serious numismatist, but the volume is long out of print, and literally as scarce as the rare engraved first "Montgomery Notes." But even Bradbeer's no longer satisfies the inquisitive, exacting student of today, who demands answer to the many perplexing phenomena of types and varieties, especially in the lithographed notes. It is here especially that Chase's book excels.

There are few works of which this reviewer has knowledge that even approach the scope of this volume. In its treatment of the technical phases of the graphic arts (and the Confederates employed every method known at that time) Chase shows an intimacy and understanding that is amazing to the practical craftsman, and this self-taught knowledge has enabled him to write his finished story and present it in picture and print.

Chase appears to have made the lithographed notes the chief subjects of his research and, with an astounding acquired knowledge of the technique as practiced in the sixties of last century, has been able to classify and explain—plus remarkable illustrations—the many varieties of type deriving from the peculiar *modus operandi* of the transfers, who made up the printing stones for these notes.

For, be it known, that Dame Lithography was the most temperamental of her Sisters of the graphic arts. Unpredictable phenomena accompanied her constantly and those in her train found difficulty in explaining these idiosyncracies . . . until Chase made his psychiatric studies of the eccentric lady's peculiarities.

The writer has been following this work, as it appeared in serial form in THE NUMISMATIST, with ever-growing admiration. His field is Confederate Philately, but in this instance Numismatics and Philately are closely allied, inasmuch as four of the printers of the Treasury Notes were also engaged in the production of the postage stamps—Hoyer & Ludwig, Archer & Daly, J. T. Paterson (& Co.), and Keatinge & Ball, all of whose imprints are found on both products of their presses. It is probably for this reason that your esteemed Editor honored me with the request to write this review. It has been a privilege to comply.

The time-worn trite *cliché* about "filling a long-felt want," or the latest high-pressure "a must-book," seem out of place in this review . . . The science of Numismatics has been given an unusual—an erudite work. Her followers will not lack in appreciation.

In this trying time of slow convalescence from the ravages of the New Deal, when the numismatist is enjoined from harboring the jaundiced coins of the realm, while its papyrus substitutes are exceedingly elusive, it is comforting to know that the paper money of the Confederacy is tax-exempt, still obtainable, and a satisfying *ersatz*.

A. N. A. CONVENTION AUCTION

The Convention Auction conducted by the Numismatic Gallery of New York City was the best attended sale we have ever seen. Bidding was spirited with the medium priced coins in better demand than the rarities. For many collectors it was a new and pleasing experience for they had never before attended a public coin sale. Abe Kosoff was the auctioneer and he called the 1754 lots in a rapid and adequate manner. Following are some of the prices realized:

Lot	Price
313 Russia 3, 6, 12 roubles. Platinum	\$1150
355 Sts. Settlement. 1900 Dollar in gold	520
371 Transylvania. 1670 Gold 10 ducats	260
397 U. S. 1808 quarter eagle. Ex. fine	210
429 U. S. 1821 half eagle. Ex. fine	600
434 U. S. 1831 half eagle. Unc.	340
436 U. S. 1834 half eagle. Motto. Unc.	300
704 U. S. 1883 double eagle. Proof	1050
705 U. S. 1884 double eagle. Proof	1625
706 U. S. 1887 double eagle. Proof	500
710 U. S. 1913 double eagle. S Mint	265
711 U. S. 1924 double eagle. S Mint	2250
909 U. S. 1839 over 36 Cent. Unc.	1025
914 U. S. 1823 quarter dollar	710

A Panama Pacific set sold for \$1350—and Lot 450 offered a superb specimen of the Clark, Gruber & Co. \$20 Pikes Peak 1860, which after spirited bidding was knocked down for \$2700.

The Robert R. Prann Collection of Colonials offered as fine a variety of rarities as has been sold at auction in many years. The Sommers Island shillings, (#529, 530) sold for \$170 and \$190, the sixpence at \$150 and \$140, the threepence at \$310 and the two pence at \$190. The New England

shilling sold for \$270, the rare sixpence at \$630, and the Willow Tree sixpence at \$210. Many good buys were made by collectors of this series with a superb Chalmers sixpence selling at only \$75., a New Hampshire cent at \$105., a New York **NON VI VIRTUTE VICI** cent at \$80. and two George Clinton cents at \$250 and \$225 respectively. Other bargains included a Confederatio Cent at \$230. and a Washington Roman Head Cent at \$150. Spirited bidding for the Perkins Dollar started at \$50. and was ended at \$350.00.

The Sheraton Collection of Large Cents offered many splendid rarities from the Henry C. Hines Collection. Outstanding was the finest 1799 cent known. It sold for \$1,500.

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES' BREAKFAST

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the District Secretaries' Club was held during the A. N. A. Convention, Monday at 8 a. m., August 25. There were 33 present, among them Vice Presidents Douglas and Mitchell, Secretary Reagan and Governors Moss, Sheldon, Gettys, and Yeoman. After an appetizing breakfast, Mr. Mitchell, our Chairman, called the meeting to order and asked each secretary to stand and identify himself.

Mr. Mitchell then discussed fully the reasons for the letters to all District Secretaries and Assistant District Secretaries, and announced that he had received reports from 19 of them.

The next matter was a call for nominations for Secretary of the Club. Mrs. Helen G. Lewis of Richmond, Virginia, who had served in this capacity for the past year, was unanimously re-elected.

It was decided not to pay the expenses of District Secretaries other than that incurred by stationery and postage.

Secretary Reagan gave a most helpful and instructive talk in regard to our duties and how they should be carried out. He then asked for questions and in reply gave many numerous suggestions that were of real value to those present.

Following the regular program was a general discussion concerning the work and future plans of the District Secretaries' Club.

HELEN G. LEWIS, Secretary

OBITUARY

WESTEN H. SETTLEMIER, A. N. A. #7220

Westen H. Settlemer, a resident of San Francisco, Calif. and a member of the American Numismatic Assn. since 1939, died suddenly at his home on August 26, 1947 at the age of 46 years. Mr. Settlemer was for many years interested in coins with special historical significance and background, and he was a constant advocate of the employment of numismatics in educational work. The use of numismatics as an aid in teaching work prompted Mr. Settlemer in 1938 to organize the Historical Coinings Society to promulgate the employment of numismatic material in the schools. Mr. Settlemer delivered many interesting and entertaining lectures to various school groups and teacher groups regarding the various fields of numismatics and their latent possibilities as instructional aids. Prior to the late war Mr. Settlemer had experimented extensively with natural colored plaster of paris replicas and embossed seal facsimiles of famous coins of history together with accompanying texts with the objective of furnishing schools with attractive visual educational material on a scale that would not be possible with the actual coins themselves due to the limited number of specimens available and the prohibitive costs entailed. Mr. Settlemer was also a member of the American Numismatic Society of New York City and of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. The P. C. N. S. had conferred upon him the title of Fellow in 1939 for his contributions in the field of numismatics.

—EDWARD FOGLER

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THE CONVENTION EXHIBITS

The numismatic material on display, both along the dealers bourse and in the cases provided for collectors, provided a numismatic education in itself. The exhibits covered all periods of coinage and included specialized series as well as general collections. Repeated announcements were made requesting exhibitors to supply THE NUMISMATIST with a list of their exhibits, but very few found time to prepare such lists. During the closing hours the Editor with the help of Helen Lewis, T. R. Hammer, and C. Shirley Leachman made a survey of the exhibits and touched what we thought to be every high spot. It is not possible to give in detail the contents of each case, and we attempt only a summary of them. If we have omitted any of the exhibits we should be glad to publish them in a future edition of THE NUMISMATIST.

American Numismatic Association Library. (Ted R. Hammer, Librarian): Sixty of the most popular books in the A. N. A. Library. Medals and tokens relating to the A. N. A.

Robert N. Batt: National Bank Notes of Buffalo in the finest condition.

George Bauer: Three cases of ancient coins mostly in the finest style and condition. English gold coins.

A. E. Beebe: Rare and choice U. S. currency.

A. P. Bertschy: U. S. oddities and notes; colonial notes including sheets; types of U. S. gold.

George H. Blake: Modern gold coins of 45 different countries. U. S. notes including issues bearing serial number 1. Both notes and coins in Mr. Blake's exhibit were of the choicest quality.

M. H. Bolender: A specialized collection of 140 die varieties of U. S. silver dollars from 1794 to 1803; Pattern dollars.

Charles N. Boos: Proof gold and silver coins; Panama-Pacific gold and silver set.

Vernon L. Brown (For the Chase National Bank): Inflation coins and currency of Hungary 1945-46. Invasion currency and military certificates of World War II.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carlson: Fractional currency.

Sam Carlson: Crown size and other coins of Sweden.

Ragnar Cedarlund: Twenty silver necessity pieces of Landau.

Mrs. Ragnar Cedarlund: U. S. currency in uncirculated condition.

T. James Clarke: A superb set of U. S. large cents containing some of the finest specimens known. Many in proof condition. U. S. silver and gold and a large collection of encased postage stamps.

Charles N. Cooley: Numismatic items pertaining to the French Revolution, 1789-1793.

John S. Davenport: German and Scandinavian coins including many commemorative pieces.

Gaston DiBello: General collection of large size gold coins including many rarities in the finest condition.

Wm. P. Donlon: Superb collection of U. S. coins and currency including many rarities in the finest of condition.

Mrs. Damon G. Douglas: A display of numismatic items connected with the political lives of Grover Cleveland and Millard Fillmore.

Paul E. Draper: U. S. notes including many rarities.

Charles W. Foster: Type sets of U. S. gold and silver; Colonial and Confederate currency; encased Postage stamps.

Harley Freeman: Coins of early Spain. Large 50 reale silver pieces.

Edward Gans: Coins of Greece and Rome in gold, silver, and bronze.

Loyd Gettys: Type set U. S. gold. Choice U. S. gold and silver. U. S. paper money including many rare National Bank notes in crisp condition.

Howard D. Gibbs: Rare multiple thalers of Brunswick-Luneburg, Brunswick-Wolfenbüttele and Transylvania. Included were two 10 thaler pieces.

R. Green: Choice collection of Washington quarters. Rare gold coins and many choice early colonials.

Wm. Guild: Beginners' type set of U. S. coins; 32 U. S. pattern coins. Early Spanish-American coins and stampless covers showing similar postal charges.

James E. Gunning: U. S. gold; Colonial and Continental currency.

T. R. Hammer; Uncut sheets of fractional currency; freak coins and notes.

L. W. Hoeffcker: Gold coins; Paper money and elaborate designs made from portions of U. S. notes.

William C. Hoffman: Uncut sheets of obsolete notes. Colonial notes; embossed business cards.

Harold Hoople: Dollar size coins; U. S. gold and Invasion currency.

Sol Kaplan: Pioneer gold; pattern half-dollars including some of the rarer pieces.

Frank J. Katen: Foreign crowns in choice condition.

Paul F. Klaasz: Complete sets of contemporary modern coins mounted in attractive holders.

Ernst Kraus: Recent additions to the Moritz Wormser Loan Exhibit.

H. J. Law and W. J. Jacka: General collection including many rarities in superb condition.

Robert H. Lloyd: Canadian notes; obsolete paper money of the Niagara frontier. Tokens issued by the Buffalo Numismatic Association including many trial pieces in different metals.

Lee Long: Presidential medals and U. S. proof coins.

J. V. McDermott: Rare colonials; U. S. rarities including the 1913 Liberty head nickel and a cent of 1915 struck in gold.

Willis J. McKinney: Types of U. S. gold including commemoratives. Large size notes; pattern coins.

Norman B. Mason: Continental and Colonial notes; English portrait coins from the time of Alfred the Great.

J. H. Morris, Jr.: U. S. paper money in uncut sheets from \$1 to \$20. U. S. patterns, gold, and gold commemoratives.

Vernon L. Oblisk: Seventy-five dollar size coins of various countries.

W. A. Philpott, Jr.: U. S. currency including many rarities in the finest of condition.

John Jay Pittman: Gold and silver coins from Edward VI to Edward VII. Early U. S. coins in proof or uncirculated condition.

Rochester Numismatic Association: Medals of the Club's presidents.

Herbert E. Rowold: Coins of India, China, Brazil, Russia, Siam, and other countries.

Arthur Rutz: Transportation passes; medals of Martin Luther.

C. H. Ryan: Rare gold and silver pieces, mostly large size, of various countries. Several unique personal medals in gold.

F. K. Saab: Gold coins of the world. Rare medals, ancient gold, and coins of the Vatican.

Dr. Y. A. Sargis: Medals of Lincoln and Washington; Latin-American gold; European coins and coins of antiquity.

Joseph F. Sawicki: A splendid exhibit of medals and coins in various metals of Poland, dating from the 10th to the 20th Century.

Burton H. Saxton: Roman 1st bronzes of historical types; crowns of England.

Max M. Schwartz: Medals and tokens of Washington.

Otto Thomas Sghia: Personal medals; rolled cents of fairs, expositions, et cetera.

J. B. and M. Stack: Rare medals in gold and U. S. gold coins from \$1 to \$50. Nearly all in the choicest of condition.

J. M. Taylor: Coins of the Bible; early bank notes of Buffalo; inflation money of Germany and Hungary; U. S. pattern coins.

L. S. Werner: U. S. paper money including some unusual oddities.

Harold Whiteneck: Choice set of U. S. dimes.

E. H. Windau: Rare coins of the early Americas.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Ohio Clubs to Meet in Akron

The Ohio State Numismatic Society at its recent convention in Columbus, Ohio, adopted the policy of two meetings per year and accepted the invitation of the Akron Coin Club to hold the next convention in Akron, Ohio, October 25 and 26.

The Akron Club has engaged the Ball Room of the Hotel Portage for this occasion where the displays and dealer's bourse will be arranged.

Michael J. Kolman of Cleveland is preparing the auction, catalogues of which will be mailed soon.

A banquet is being arranged for Saturday evening October 25. Banquet reservations may be made through the Akron secretary—C. D. Clark, 1796 Goodyear Blvd., Akron 5, Ohio.

The Akron Club has only a few cases and will appreciate having those planning exhibits bring their own display cases.

Space on the bourse should be handled through the Akron Coin Club secretary.

Remember the date—October 25th and 26th, 1947.

Advance Boston Column

Watch this space for the next ten months. We start with a quiz. Write a letter, not too long, on the following questions.

A—What do you like best about ANA conventions?

B—What do you dislike most about ANA conventions?

C—What do you suggest to improve ANA conventions?

A prize for the best letter, will be awarded at the convention. Write now while the recent convention is still fresh in your mind.

Next release—announcement of time and place of the A. N. A.—1948—BOSTON convention.

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Awards to Contributors

The Executive Board of the A.N.A. wishes to announce the schedule of awards and prizes to contributors to *The Numismatist* during 1947. The first prize will be \$75 and a suitably inscribed silver medal. Second prize will be \$50 and a suitably inscribed bronze medal. Third prize will be a cash award of \$25. Appropriate certificates will be awarded to those contributors designated by the Awards Committee for Honorable Mention.

At the end of the year all articles that have appeared will be judged by a Committee selected by the President. Members of the Committee will work independently of each other and the President will tabulate the ballots. Contributions will be judged according to their originality, literary merit, usefulness to collectors, completeness and timeliness.

According to President Gettys, the cash prize will be eliminated next year (1948) and three medals will be awarded. The author of the most valued contribution will be given a handsome gold medal. A silver medal will be awarded as second prize and a bronze medal as third prize. Certificates will be awarded other outstanding contributors.

Philippine Coins for Sale

Our fellow-member Frank M. Sissons, Jr., of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, has forwarded word that collectors can buy uncirculated direct from the Treasurer of the Philippines, Manila.

The following denominations, dated 1945, are obtainable at face value:

50 centavos equivalent to 25 cents
20 centavos equivalent to 10 cents
10 centavos equivalent to 5 cents
5 centavos equivalent to 2½ cents
1 centavo equivalent to ½ cent

Total43 cents

The cost of mailing the set of five coins is 28 cents by ordinary mail or 48 cents by registered mail.

Wants to Buy Dollar of 1804

The following letter was recently received by the Numismatic Gallery, New York City. Mr. Kosoff tells us that the writer, a lady, is one of his most avid correspondents, but as yet he has been unable to supply her needs.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you July 24, and asked if you had a silver dollar dated 1804. You said that you could get me one if I paid you a commission but you didn't tell me what it would cost. Would you please write and tell me the exact price! Of course I can't afford to pay a lot of money for it, but would be willing to pay \$5. no more. And I want the original 1804 silver dollar, not one Just Like It, but the real thing. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours & Oblidged, etc.

Vernon L. Brown Makes SEP

Our newly elected member of the Board of Governors, Vernon L. Brown, is pictured in full splendor on page 36 of the September 6 issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST. Featured as "The Man Who Takes Wooden Nickels," Vernon is the subject of a feature article that will do much to publicize coin collecting. Vernon is the curator of the famed collection of Moneys of the World formed by our own Farran Zerbe and now on permanent display in the Chase National Bank, 46 Cedar St., New York City.

The article by Mort Weisinger is written in a popular style and describes some of the unusual pieces in the collection and relates many an unusual anecdote based on the experiences of the curator. A full page is devoted to beautifully colored pictures of specimens, chosen, not because of their rarity but because of their historical and popular interest.

Vernon is an accomplished speaker and in great demand as an after-dinner speaker at Rotary Clubs, American Legion posts and other organizations. Partly as a result of the POST article he was the guest on "Hi-Jinks" the nationally known early morning radio program, September 4th.

Silverware Hammered From Coins

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Twenty years ago no Colombian housewife, in Bogota at least, would consider her table set unless most of her dishes were hammered silver. People of means would frequently serve a four or five course dinner on nothing but silver; water glasses (!) and wine goblets included. These silver dishes were hammered out locally.

The silver smiths had their shops in a small side street above "Carrera 7ma" and I recall that they used SILVER CROWNS to make the dishes one wished. There were bags and bags of these dollar sized coins in some of these shops. I was not a coin collector in those days—am not now as I only gather paper money—but I did once buy a few of these old coins at something like 56c each. In the small lot that I still have, which came from this purchase in Bogota, was a five franc piece of Napoleon as 1st Consul, coins of Chile, Peru, Guatemala, etc.

I wonder if these stocks of coins are still there, and still available at such reasonable prices. Perhaps some of the readers of The Numismatist who collect "crown sized" coins would be interested in this information; from which they might be able to secure something interesting for their collections.

R. B. PRESTON
P. O. Box 1832.
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Coins Featured in "Coronet"

The September issue of CORONET carries an article entitled "Coin Collectors Aren't So Crazy" written by Robert J. Kaller and Ben A. Martin. Unlike most magazine articles on coin collecting this one really makes sense and should do much to interest the general reader in the collecting of coins. Authors Kaller and Martin, discuss coins as an investment and cite many instances where collectors profited.

They explain that we can't all get rich on Liberty head nickels of 1913, but that there are other coins that increase in value and at the worst we can always get back "100 cents on the dollar."

NOTES AND QUERIES

Finds Classifications Confusing

Dear Editor:

What is coin collecting coming to these days? I can usually get along with a few of the common terms for classifying coins, but collectors are getting too darn critical. Some of the ads now go almost so far as to read:

I have recently acquired a large stock of the famed 1943 cents with the bust of Henry on the obverse [sic.] and I can supply these coins, while they last, in the following condition: holed, otherwise fine; v. poor; poor; about fair; fair; v. fair; about gd.; gd.; v.g.; about f.; fine; v.f.; extra f.; very extra fine; extremely f.; about unc.; dull unc.; red unc.; brill. unc.; gem unc.; unc., was proof; semi-proof; proof, tarnished; golden proof; proof; brill. proof; gem proof; and in the finest condition known.

I can also supply **proofs** of the S & D mints of these and other coins, prices of which are 17½ times that of the unc. pieces. Prices on application. Z. Q. Numb-skully.

That might seem funny at first glance, but it's really getting to be that bad—if not worse in some cases.

Sincerely yours,

JACK H. TOD
A.N.A. 11843

Suggests Medals Instead of Coins

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Much has been said both pro and con, about the issuance and distribution of commemorative coins. Our Government has recently suggested that medals instead of coins be used to commemorate special events. Why not take their suggestion seriously?

Why couldn't the A. N. A. undertake to issue medals with a full fifty cents worth of silver in them for the various committees which have been clamoring for commemorative coins? Or if the Government is disposed to do so we could even work in conjunction with the United States Mint in issuing and distributing medals

for the purpose of helping the committees commemorate worthwhile historical events.

Any project which could not put over the sale of an attractively designed medal must be an unworthy one indeed, and in the event they did not wish to cooperate, their attitude would indicate the little faith they had in their undertaking.

This would eliminate the unpleasant situations frequently caused by the handling of commemorative coins and protect both collectors and the public alike.

The A. N. A. could act in an advisory, non-profit making capacity, and yet the commissions would be able to raise a considerable amount of money through the sale of the medals commensurate with the artistic merit of the piece and the worthiness of the cause and not based on an artificial scarcity value.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM GUILD, A.N.A. 11863
West Newton, Mass.

Coins Vary Slightly in Thickness

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I have a roll of uncirculated 1937-D quarter dollars which measures more than one quarter (25 cents) shy in height when stacked alongside other rolls of uncirculated quarter dollars. How come?

Yours truly,

C. A. BROWNELL, A.N.A. 13124
Clearwater, Florida

Answer: While our Mints endeavor to turn out coins that are uniform in pureness, weight, and size, the small difference you mention might easily be accounted for by a slight variation in milling. You will notice that some coins have a sharp or slightly raised edge. This wears down rapidly enough, but when new, causes a slight increase in the height of a stack. Again we will find coins with rather flat borders and when such coins are stacked they show an appreciable difference from the ordinary run.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY



LEWIS M. REAGAN
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To District Secretaries

Some appointments and reappointments of District Secretaries are listed in this issue, and others will be listed as soon as appointments are made by the President. Stationery and other supplies will be sent to all District Secretaries shortly. Please notify the General Secretary when additional supplies are needed. District Secretaries, especially, are requested to note the following change collectors, completeness and time-cations.

New Applications

Applications for membership received after October 1 must be accompanied by remittance for 1948 dues in full (\$3.00) plus an amount sufficient to pay for any issues of The Numismatist for balance of 1947 that may be desired.

On and after January 1, 1948, all applications (except transfers of subscriptions to membership basis) must be accompanied by a minimum remittance of a full years dues. Whenever this results in an overpayment of dues for 1948, as would be the case if full volume of The Numismatist for 1948 is not furnished, this overpayment will be credited to 1949 dues and account adjusted to calendar year basis when next dues statement is sent. The present plan of accepting applications for last half of a calendar year with dues payment of \$1.50 will be discontinued.

Dues Statements

Statements for 1948 membership dues will be mailed to members in November. Please give these prompt attention. Please indicate any error in name or address and report any change in collecting specialty. Preparation of a new edition of the membership directory will begin early next year, with publication date about July 1.

Membership Buttons and Pins

Members are reminded that membership buttons are available from the General Secretary. Regular membership buttons are available in three styles, bronze button or pin at 50c; sterling silver at \$1; and gold plated, for life members only at \$1.00. Convention bars for those who attended the Buffalo convention, or any previous convention are also available at 50c each.

PRESIDENT GETTYS THANKS BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

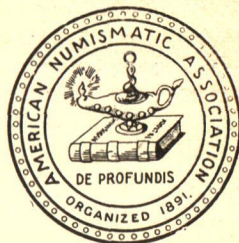
On behalf of the officers and members of the American Numismatic Association I extend sincere thanks to the Buffalo Numismatic Association for the splendid manner in which it entertained the visitors to the 1947 Convention.

It was a grand and delightful affair.

In particular I thank Dr. John H. Wild and his valiant committee whose untiring efforts contributed so much to the success of the Convention.

—LOYD B. GETTYS, President

American Numismatic Association



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Report of The General Secretary

Admitted to Membership

Applicants numbered 14622-14738 (except 14635, which was withdrawn) as published in the August issue, have been admitted to membership.

Applications for Membership

The following applications were received in August, 1947. If there are no objections filed prior to November 1, 1947, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the December issue.

- 14842 **Leslie A. Dickerson, Jr.**, 454 Market Street, Beaver, Pa. U. S. coins. Addison Smith, William W. Clarke.
 14843 **William W. Clarke**, 52 Hillside Avenue, Tenafly, N. J. U. S. coins. Addison Smith, H. J. Claspary.
 14844 **Mrs. Helen C. Docka**, 220 East Main Street, Barrington, Illinois. U. S. General. Herman R. Noll, Lewis M. Reagan.
 14845 **Dr. Daniel M. Rowe**, 757 Congress Street, Portland 4, Maine. U. S. coins, general. Grube B. Cornish, Ernest J. Conquest.
 14846 **John A. Taylor**, 145 Niagara Street, Dumont, N. J. General. J. M. Taylor, Lewis M. Reagan.
 14847 **Dr. George L. Frank**, 106 N. Lebanon Street, Lebanon, Indiana. Ray R. Fiscus, Mancel Roy, Carl T. Shelby.
 14848 **Lorenz A. Rosemeyer**, 233 Mass. Avenue, #27, Indianapolis, Indiana. All U. S. coins. Ray R. Fiscus, S. G. Kasberg, Eugene D. Johnson, Carl T. Shelby.

- 14849 **Elizabeth A. Rosemeyer**, 233 Mass. Avenue, #27, Indianapolis, Indiana. All U. S. coins. Ray R. Fiscus, Mancel Roy, David R. Wilkenson, Carl T. Shelby.
- 14850 **Richard G. Froendhoff**, 827 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis 2, Indiana. Ray R. Fiscus, Mancel Roy, Francis E. Dunn, Carl T. Shelby.
- 14851 **Dr. E. A. Goll**, 3413 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis 22, Indiana. General. Ray R. Fiscus, Carl T. Shelby, Forest C. Nease, Mancel Roy.
- 14852 **John Crose**, Hotel English, Indianapolis, Indiana. General. Ray R. Fiscus, S. G. Kasberg, Carl T. Shelby.
- 14853 **Leo G. Terry**, 334 S. Dearborn Street, Indianapolis 1, Indiana. General U. S. Carl T. Shelby, Mancel Roy, David R. Wilkinson.
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- 14855 **Milton Harp**, 242 Eastern Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. U. S. General. Ray R. Fiscus, Carl T. Shelby, Francis E. Dunn, Eugene D. Johnston, Mancel Roy.
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- 14857 **Chester T. Nolan**, 4380 Grant Street, Gary, Indiana. General. Arthur Rutz, Carl T. Shelby.
- 14858 **George S. White, Jr.**, 128 South Main Street, Philippi, W. Va., U. S. general coins. Dr. F. Stevens Epps, Otis B. Zirkle, Sr.
- 14859 **Helen Corbin**, Dow Hotel, Free Port, Texas. General. F. J. Collins, Mrs. Lewis F. Warsing, Sebron B. Grishaw.
- 14860 **Patrick Pye**, 342 Peru Avenue, San Francisco 6, California. General. E. A. Parker, Edward Fogler.
- 14861 **"Cap" Harold Elliott**, 1128 N. W. 6th Street, Miami 36, Fla. General coins. Frederick A. Newman, Johnny Flood.
- 14862 **Harper M. Mercer**, 1930 East 93rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio. U. S. general. John W. Gregor, Michael Colman, Jr., J. Nelson Runyon.
- 14863 **Thomas W. Greene**, 345 Cambridge Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. Lincoln head cents. Joseph Fruscione, J. M. Taylor.
- 14864 **Kenneth W. Fuller**, Jordan Road, New Hartford, N. Y. U. S. Large cents, colonials, Roman ancient. Wm. P. Donlon, J. M. Taylor.
- 14865 **David H. Smith**, 312 Yardamon Street, Jackson 15, Miss. U. S. Coins. T. R. Hammer, Harriette J. Hammer.
- 14866 **Carlos E. Hernandez**, S. Callejon Garcia No. 3, La Florida, Caracas, Venezuela. General. William Fox Steinberg, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14867 **Miss Virginia E. Threlkeld**, P. O. Box 260, Lake Helen, Fla. Small coins. Fred E. Topton, John H. Flood.
- 14868 **Ethel Gotthelph**, Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore 23, Md. American coins. Holmes H. Cessna, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14869 **Harry W. Wenzelburger**, 404 North Main Street, Butler, Pa. Minor coins. Charles E. Roe, Thomas A. Morrison, Lyle L. McMahan, Paul Russin.
- 14870 **Paul S. Jauss**, 213 W. Diamond Street, Butler, Pa. U. S. coins. Charles E. Roe, Thomas A. Morrison, Lyle L. McMahan, Paul Russin.
- 14871 **Albert Kadunce**, 318 Morton Avenue, Butler, Pa. General. Paul Russin, Lyle L. McMahan, Thomas A. Morrison, Charles E. Roe.
- J-14872 **Harvey G. Stack**, 8422 Midland Pkwy., Jamaica Estates, N. Y. General. Max M. Schwartz, Morton Stack.
- 14873 **William S. Sidman**, 19933 Prairie, Detroit 21, Michigan. American coins. Dan Brown, Philip W. Whiteley.
- 14874 **Mrs. S. C. Tenney**, 406 Orange Street, New Haven 11, Conn. General U. S. C. Victor Reemsnyder, George B. Graham.
- 14875 **Walter S. Barnes**, 685 Main Street, Willimantic, Conn. Proof sets. G. Zalman S. Hunt, Richard P. Barnes, Edwin B. Shaw, Jr.
- 14876 **Leland S. McGinn**, 65 Ohio Street, Fairfield, Ohio. U. S. and World coins. Luther H. Whit, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 14877 **Herman D. Muehsam**, 1012 Fourth Avenue, Lester 13, Pa. Quarters. M. Gordon, Jr., L. Earl Pittenger.
- 14878 **Robert George Lance**, 101 Berwick Street, Victoria Park, Western Australia. British and Australian. J. Hunt Deacon, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14879 **A. R. Sistrunk**, 350 Claydelle Street, El Cajon, California. All Ancient coins. E. A. Parker, B. M. Crossfield, Erich Werling.
- 14880 **Victor Lanz**, 3a. Constanca 154, Colonia Industrial, Mexico D. F. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14881 **W. D. Patton**, 349 Georgia Street, Hollywood, Fla. U. S. Commemorative coins. F. L. Lakin, H. Riggs.
- J-14882 **William B. Gardner**, 110 Orlando St., Buffalo 10, N. Y. Foreign and U. S. coins. Joseph Fruscione, Mrs. Samuel Burgess.
- 14883 **Henry M. Myers**, 92 Roebling Avenue, Buffalo 15, N. Y. General. J. W. Wild, Ganton Di Bello.
- 14884 **James M. Keally**, 538 Greystone Rd., Merion Station, Pa. Coin dealer. Eugene D. Johnston, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14885 **Minnie Evans**, Sanborn, N. Y. Coins. Max M. Schwartz, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14886 **Edward O. Benson**, 7300 Washington, Kansas City, Mo. General. Edward Fogler, Herbert E. Rowold.
- 14887 **O. K. Rumbel**, Taylor Road, Mission, Texas. Spanish Colonies, Ferdinand and Isabella. Stuart Mosher, A. Kosoff.
- J-14888 **June M. Conner**, 860 Partridge Avenue, Menlo Park, California. U. S. general and foreign. Edward Fogler, Allen R. Conner.
- 14889 **Harry Powell**, 344 Malacca Street, Akron 5, Ohio. Large and small cents. Vernon L. Oblisk, Charles R. Fraser.
- 14890 **Cleveland Coin Club**, Miss Laura M. Caddy, Secy., 17201 Oxford Avenue, Cleveland 11, Ohio. Dr. Y. A. Sargis, H. S. Gibbs, George J. Bauer, V. L. Belt, Lewis M. Reagan.

- 14891 **John L. Felt**, P. O. Box 311, E. A. S., Akron 5, Ohio. General. Vernon L. Oblisk, Charles R. Fraser.
- 14892 **James E. Williams**, 435 W. Williams St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. U. S. general. John Henoch, Franklin Loos.
- 14893 **Wilbur F. Brunkenhoefer**, 3220 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Texas. General, U. S. and Mexico. H. S. Ulan, Stuart Mosher.
- 14894 **Stanley J. F. Sanger**, 87 Klein Street, Rochester 5, N. Y. General. Bern Krajka, John Deskers.
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- 14899 **Harriet Bashein**, 130 E. 24 Street, New York 10, N. Y. Medals. A. Kosoff, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14900 **Nashville Coin Club**, John Tidwell, Secy., 2820 Azalea Pl., Nashville 11, Tenn. John Tidwell, T. H. Brooks, Dr. J. O. Crawford.
- 14901 **Robert G. Sidener**, 680 Fort Washington Avenue, New York 33, N. Y. U. S. coins. J. J. Litvany, James M. Wade.
- 14902 **John S. Kachmar**, 213 Grant Avenue, Millvale, Pittsburgh 9, Pa. Fractional currency, coins and tokens. George F. Marlier, Arthur Sipe.
- 14903 **B. C. Blaine, M.D.**, Riverside Clinic, 2018 Hollywood Rd N. W., Atlanta, Ga. American coins. J. J. Gonzales, G. M. Tidd, B. E. Surry.
- 14904 **John W. McLellan**, 2829 Erica Place, Nashville, Tenn. U. S. minor coins. Dr. M. S. Howard, James D. Miller.
- 14905 **W. H. Owens**, 101 North Elm Street, Champaign, Illinois. Old American coins and currency. Merlin E. Garber, Thomas A. Wagan, B. A. McClughen.
- 14906 **Harry P. Dick**, Buhler, Kansas. General. C. B. Edwards, Rose Marple.
- 14907 **William T. Ross**, 2022 Mt. Vernon Road, Roanoke 15, Va. General, U. S. Arthur T. Millett, O. L. Lewis.
- 14908 **A. C. Brown**, P. O. Box 116, Saint Paris, Ohio. General. Vernon L. Oblisk, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14909 **Carl F. Lundbom**, 635 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, Pa. General. B. Max Mehl, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14910 **Wm. T. Schlichter**, 403 Washington Street, Clay Center, Kansas. U. S. coins. F. A. Rohrman, Dr. L. W. Alquist.
- 14911 **Harry Pollock**, P. O. Box 1337, Huntington, W. Va. Coins and paper money. Dr. F. Stevens Epps, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14912 **Dr. Grant Beckstrand**, 1400 Via Monte Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, California. U. S. general. W. H. Buttram, Walter Reese.
- 14913 **Malcolm Kennedy**, 4213 32nd Rd., S. Fairlington, Va. U. S. General. Forest L. Miller, Richard C. Buschman.
- 14914 **Fred S. Kaufman**, 2109 Larimer Street, Denver 2, Colorado. Half cents to dollars. Dan Brown, Philip W. Whiteley.
- 14915 **Joseph D. McGregor**, 900 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, Pa. U. S. general. J. U. Gillespie, Kirk Adams.
- 14916 **Harley L. Parsons**, 3453 East 18th Street, Oakland 1, California. General. Edward Fogler, E. A. Parker.
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- 14918 **Lawrence G. Kale**, 7703 Ivandale Drive, Parma 9, Ohio. General. Harley L. Freeman, Ambrose P. Spencer.
- 14919 **Rev. John Rzasu**, 82 Akron Street, Meriden, Conn. U. S. gold and silver. Herbert Tobias, Joseph Silverman.
- 14920 **Chester R. Draper**, Leland Hotel, 1207 W. Leland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois. U. S. coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Earl C. Brown.
- 14921 **Alan L. Shaw**, 1694 Davidson Avenue, New York 53, N. Y. General. Max M. Schwartz, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14922 **Ralph S. Thomas**, 1820 Norton Avenue, Independence, Missouri. U. S. gold. Richard G. Helman, Herbert E. Rowold.
- 14923 **Andrew P. Lanata**, 80 Webster Park Avenue, Columbus 2, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Mrs. Virginia Moore, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 14924 **Dr. Anton Rostad**, Hornnes St., Seterdalsbanen, Norway. General. John Pedersen, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14925 **Harry E. Carrig**, 50 W. Jackson Street, Painesville, Ohio. Commemorative half dollars. R. L. Poxon, Ambrose P. Spencer.
- 14926 **Helen Canale**, 504 E. Bronson, Streator, Ill. Current American coins. A. E. Bebee, Ralph W. Osborne, Ben King.
- 14927 **Glenn E. Webster**, 421 Sinclair Avenue, S. E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa. U. S. coins. Robert B. Stahl, A. Ray Harman, Burton H. Saxton.
- 14928 **James P. Ward**, 350 High Street, Newark, N. J. General. Damon G. Douglas, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14929 **Mrs. Etta B. Ball**, 1400 Earl Street, Kingsburg, California. U. S. gold and commemorative coins. Everett Ostrom, Edward Fogler.
- 14930 **W. J. Rundle**, 9 Glenway, Madison 5, Wisconsin. U. S. coins. J. E. O'Connell, Lillard W. Culver.
- 14931 **Robert P. Meisner**, 1539 Wisconsin Avenue, Flint 6, Michigan. Silver Comm., Unc. and Proof coins, U. S. only. Chester H. Long, Harold Ames, Wm. E. Brewer.
- 14932 **Anthony J. Bartusis**, 2012 Canalport Avenue, Chicago 16, Illinois. Silver dollars. Charles Luspini, Anthony V. Lorence.
- 14933 **Clyde H. Belanger**, 1013 15th Avenue, N., Seattle 2, Washington. Minor U. S. coins. Paul Fouts, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 14934 **Frederick I. Van Leuven**, 239 W. Main Street, Goshen, N. Y. U. S. coins. Fred H. Ehlers, Max M. Schwartz.
- 14935 **Burton E. Davis**, P. O. Box 1459, Balboa, Canal Zone. General, foreign and U. S. Lewis M. Reagan.

- 14936 **C. W. Holquist**, 3770 W. 26 Street, Erie, Pa. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Dr. Paul M. Gillis.
 14937 **Anson W. Finnell**, 1500 East 14th Street, Sedalia, Mo. Commemoratives and U. S. coins. W. B. Hert, Jr., Herbert E. Rowold.
 14938 **Norman J. Mayer**, 2 West 69 Street, New York 23, N. Y. U. S. coins. Joseph Nohart, Bernard Cole.
 14939 **Samuel L. Kemry**, 3018 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles 15, California. U. S. and North and South American coins. A. F. Pradeau, A. M. Krieger.
 14940 **Van Hammack**, Brownton, W. Va. Old coins. Otis B. Zirkle, Dr. F. Stevens Epps.

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- LM204 Burton H. Saxton, P. O. Box 548, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 LM205 Stuart Mosher, McAllen, Texas.
 LM206 Clinton W. Hestor, 11235 Graham Place, Los Angeles 34, California.

Deceased

- 13261 V. C. Rockhill, Jamaica, N. Y.
 LM26 Carl Wurtzbach, Lee, Mass.

The following have been re-instated

- 4281 John H. Robinson, 408 W. Main Street, Denison, Texas.
 5470 Joseph F. Saum, 129 Sandhurst Drive, Dayton 5, Ohio.
 7330 Napoleon Charles Ricard, 1837 E. 79 Street, Cleveland 3, Ohio.

The following has resigned

- 12813 Leslie J. Greenwald, Chicago, Illinois.

Change of Address

- LM36 Omaha Coin Club, Inc., O. M. Campbell, Secy., 117 So. 33 Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
 13444 Southeastern Numismatic Association, Rodney J. Getman, Secy, 3286 Lowell Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.
 4157 Syracuse Numismatic Association, Frank Webster, 312 Wright Avenue, E. Syracuse, N. Y.
 8855 Waterloo Coin Club, Fred C. Schiel, Secy, 125 Kern, Waterloo, Iowa.
 13411 E. E. Bair, General Delivery, Nederland, Colorado.
 6410 Myron W. Baker, 212 W. Oak Street, Rome, New York.
 11303 Fred Baum, 848 East 12 Street, Brooklyn, New York.
 7777 Jerry J. Berger, 3000 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
 11316 Rev. Anselm Broburg, 285 Friendship St., Providence 3, R. I.
 13770 G. I. Burner, 630 Kesulworth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 8208 J. Reed Capps, 2122 45th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
 13402 Clare R. Colvin, Martin, Mich.
 6658 Wm. B. Comstock, 329 Williams Blvd., Springfield, Illinois.
 4271 George R. Cooke, 105 Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Arkansas.
 13940 Dr. Arthur B. Coole, Methodist Compound, Hsiao Shun Hutung, Peiping, China.
 10384 Frederick W. Crane, 1038 City Hall, Buffalo 2, New York.
 12651 Dr. Pablo I. de Jesus, c/o The Rockefeller Foundation, 49 West 49th Street, New York 20, New York.
 11161 Zacharis Dracopoulos, 193 Grant St., Portland 4, Maine.
 14230 William G. Field, 946 Hilldale Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.
 5088 J. L. Golden, 2194 Calew Ave., Baltimore 17, Md.
 9964 Leo Graham, P. O. Box 66, McKittrick, Calif.
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 11681 Robert A. Hinshaw, R. D. #2, New Concord, Ohio.
 14380 Joseph A. Howard, M.A.W.C., El Toro, California.
 13155 James F. Huebner, 231 West Pastimepark Rd., Tucson, Arizona.
 12332 Arthur L. Hunter, Arbutus and Ridge Avenues, Halethorpe, Md.
 13407 Mrs. Lawrence P. Jacobs, Hqr. 3118, Signal Service Group, APO 757, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.
 9703 M. Melville Johnson, 537 Circle Drive, Cody, Wyoming.
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 12797 William O. Lee, 1564 S. Ardmore Ave., Los Angeles 6, Calif.
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 12033 M. H. Leonard, 89 Amanda St., Pittsburgh 10, Pa.
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 5160 Dr. Benjamin Luntz, 983 Main St., Hartford 3, Conn.
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 14244 John W. Macaulay, 4384 1/2 Illinois St., San Diego 4, Calif.
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- 13887 Harrold A. Montoure, 908 Tait Street, Oceanside, Calif.
 9208 Gareth B. Muchmore, P. O. Box 191, Ponca City, Oklahoma.
 14676 Elmer G. Nelson, 2910 Dudley St., Lincoln 3, Nebraska.
 12273 H. N. Newgard, 4205 Spruce St., Vancouver, Washington.
 12471 Bettye Lorraine Nolan, 3306 Holmead Pl., Washington, D. C.
 12836 John E. Ohls, 1017 Guerrero St., San Francisco 10, Calif.
 8309 E. A. Parker, 1122 Market St., San Francisco 2, Calif.
 12501 F. W. Perry, 1108 E. Coronado St., Phoenix, Arizona.
 14374 Obel D. Phipps, Route #2, Box 12, Hanford, California.
 13794 Peter D. Pirret, 771 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga.
 14599 Charles F. Polko, 489 East Main St., West Chicago, Illinois.
 12254 Leo A. Porschet, 276 Niagara Falls Blvd., Buffalo 14, N. Y.
 4422 Carl Raskin, 2822 South Blvd., Dallas 10, Texas.
 8177 CWO Robert L. Raymond, USMCR, Hqr. Marine Corps Supply Depot, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.
 J-11359 Jerome H. Remick, III, 162 Vendome Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.
 12550 Edward W. Rice, "Rice's Antiques," Delaware Water Gap, Pa.
 11428 Capt. Leland E. Rice, Hqr. 7th Air Force, APO 973, San Francisco, Calif.
 14269 Wayde L. Rollins, 1828 S. Vine St., Wichita 12, Kansas.
 13689 Stanley Ross, 70 Dahill Road, Apt. 1-R, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 12843 Edith Siegmund, 101 Candado St., Santurce, Puerto Rico.
 13174 Millard K. Smart, Route #2, Spring Mills, Pa.
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 11839 Charles E. Stagemyer, 537 Smith St., York, Pa.
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 11838 Sidney Harold Tear, P. O. Box 799, Bristol, Va.
 11198 Ralph E. Umbreit, 820 W. Garland, Spokane 12, Washington.
 14021 Willard A. Vincent, 54 Lafayette St., East Hartford, Conn.
 11009 George C. Wallace, 2200 Scheffer, St. Paul 5, Minn.
 5111 Ray D. Walston, Frankfurt Consolidated School, Hqr. Command, E. U. COM APO 757, PM, New York, N. Y.
 8629 Jack Ward, P. O. Box 47, Dunlap, California.
 12718 Capt. John E. Warvel, 1529 W. Market St., Pottsville, Pa.
 5245 M. Wetin, 705 West Portland St., Phoenix, Arizona.
 14111 Barclay H. Watson, 1708 Ivy Place, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 11445 Lt. Col. Charles R. Wright, Jr., 125 Munson Drive, Benning Mills, Columbus, Ga.
 11601 Capt. Frank A. Zid, O-1574186, O.F.L.C. Sales Team, Mannheim Q. M., APO 403-A, New York, N. Y.
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REPORTS OF CLUB MEETINGS

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 10th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information—and encouragement—to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ASHEVILLE COIN CLUB—The twenty-first meeting was held August 13th 8 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Lichtenfels, 39 Courtland Avenue.

Ladies night was observed. Members and wives present were Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. James, Mr. Stephens and Mr. McLean. Visitors included Mr. Stanley Carland and Mr. Kenneth Cloe. We were also honored with the presence of Mr. Sidney Tear of Bristol, Va., our former secretary. Mr. Tear gave an interesting account of a recent trip to New York.

Door prizes were received by all present.

Mr. Carpenter read a most informative paper on the Oregon Trail half dollar.

After an informal discussion we viewed Mr. Lichtenfels' superb collection of U. S. postage stamps.

The meeting adjourned after refreshments and social hour at 10:30 p. m.

—W. T. JAMES, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB—The Club held its 342nd, 343rd, 344th and 345 meetings the first Wednesday nights of each month. During these meetings we had some very interesting exhibits. One meeting J. M. Harley had sets of

coins hermetically sealed in fruit jars with a special process. These coins could never be touched by hand or air, a very interesting exhibit. One member had an exhibit of old Japanese coins brought back from Japan. Every meeting we had good attendance, especially for summer months.

Our Club now has 72 members and is still growing.

Our programs have been very interesting. The Birmingham Club challenged us for a program on the radio. We accepted and on Aug. 20 we had a program on the "Quiz of Two Cities." The Atlanta Club won over the Birmingham Club. We won the jack-pot question and received \$51.00 which will be used by the Club for books, coins and recreation. If the Birmingham Club wants to lose again they know whom to call on.

Our Club has been having door prizes, which has created interest.

Mr. Milling, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta gave us a very interesting talk on the operations of a Federal Reserve Bank. Our Program Committee has some very interesting programs for the future.

—TRUITT HARPER, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Wiley at 8:15 P. M. at the Peale Museum, with 25 members present. A letter was read from Miss Sarah Elizabeth Freeman, Curator of Fine Arts at the Johns Hopkins University, accepting our invitation to visit our club, and give us one of her splendid lectures on coins. Mr. Sheckells reported for the program committee, and stated that Mr. Straus would take over the Sept. meeting, with a talk on U. S. Paper Money, and World War Medals. Also Mr. Smith would speak at the Oct. meeting, subject to be announced later. Mr. Straus reported that Mr. Brogden is convalescing nicely from his recent attack, and would be delighted to receive visits from his friends. A lively auction was held by Mr. McCormick, after which refreshments were served.

—MURRAY HEISERMAN, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was held at the Peale Museum, Sept. 4, 1947 at 8:10 P. M., with 20 members and one guest present. The meeting was conducted by Vice Pres. Capt. Lawrence Cockaday.

Mr. Straus announced that Chas. McCormick had been stricken suddenly, and was rushed to a hospital in a serious condition. A major operation is necessary, and will be performed immediately. Mr. McCormick's many friends and we are all pulling for a quick recovery. Letters can reach him at the Franklin Square Hospital, 110 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore 23, Md. Mr. Scheckells stated that the October program meeting would be in the capable hands of Patrick Smyth, whose numismatic talks are always interesting and entertaining.

The secretary was asked to obtain information on a small addressing machine, in order to facilitate the sending of the meeting notices to the members. Dr. Plummer announced the results of the A. N. A. elections. Mr. Haas asked the members to entertain the advisability of permitting boys sixteen to eighteen years of age, to become junior members of the Baltimore Coin Club.

—MURRAY HEISERMAN, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB—The 31st regular monthly meeting was held August 19, in the Auditorium of the White Dairy. President W. E. Courtney, presiding. There were 17 members and one visitor present.

After the regular order of business O. L. Hurtt, moved that the five members who volunteered to serve on the radio program between Atlanta and Birmingham Clubs, have the honor of representing our club the following night. Walter Rosene seconded this motion which was carried. The volunteers were: Pres. Courtney, J. H. Morris, former President and founder of Club, O. B. Hudson, Vice Pres., and Marvin Acton, Auctioneer. J. C. Faulkner acting as alternate.

A general quiz program on U. S. coins and currency followed. Our Quiz Master, O. B. Hudson prepared questions which would stump the experts. A general discussion on numismatics and a good visit among the members which lasted for a quarter of an hour followed our evening program.

We adjourned until the following night when we met in the studio of the W. A. P. I. Broadcasting Co., in hopes of defeating the Atlanta Coin Club on the "Quiz of Two Cities" program. Instead we were defeated. "Too bad, Birmingham!" "Congratulations, Atlanta!"

—OPAL MORRIS, Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB—The 168th meeting was held August 20th, at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, Otto T. Sghia presiding in the absence of both the president and vice president. Fourteen members and six guests were present. The guests included Howard Gibbs of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Gibbs was then called on. He told about

his large collection and of the problems of collectors of coins numbering several hundred thousand coins. He told about rebuilding his home some years ago to take care of his growing collection and of later finding a shortage of space. He also spoke about the cataloguing of his collection to enable him to determine whether or not he had a particular coin. Such cataloguing consists of making a rubbing of both obverse and reverse of the coins with a blue pencil and of filing the loose-leaf pages of such rubbings in books geographically and alphabetically arranged. He has a separate book containing the rubbings of 6800 crowns; this book will be brought by him to the A. N. A. convention in Buffalo.

Another guest, Irving Mertik, is now the secretary of the Brooklyn Coin Club. Beside inviting all Bronx Coin Club members, their wives and friends to the fifteenth anniversary dinner of that club on October 1, 1947, at the Hotel Granada in Brooklyn, he told of some of his experiences in his extensive search for twentieth century coins for his collection. One of the obstacles he had to overcome was to have the congress of the Republic of Guatemala pass a law permitting them to send such coins to him. He now possesses a copy of the law as well as the coins in question.

The talks of these two guests were followed by a scheduled one by Harry J. Stein, who was retained in the case of the U. S. government against L. G. Barnard of Memphis, Tennessee, for the recovery of a 1933 double eagle. The government successfully contended that these coins were unlawfully obtained through substitution and that they were never authorized to be released by the Secretary of the Treasury. Only two such coins, now in the Smithsonian Institution, were lawfully issued, and Mr. Stein also mentioned that the eagles of 1933 were likewise lawfully issued. He explained that the loss of the case by collectors gave them the right to recover their purchase price from dealers who sold them under their implied warranty of good title. Mr. Stein was given a vote of thanks for his interesting explanation of this absorbing subject.

The application of Mr. Arnold Cohen, having met the usual requirements, was presented for the action of the club and Mr. Cohen was unanimously elected to membership. The club then voted for the candidates for office in the A. N. A.

Topics for the evening were the U. S. two cent pieces, coins of Hungary, twentieth century medals of Great Britain and of Hungary since 1918. Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bernstein: Two cents of 1864, 10 francs of 1888, 1 kroner, 20, 10 and 2 fillers of Hungary; solidus of Basiliscus, barbarous copy of Tremissis of Justin.

Mr. Carpenter: 21 British medals including a D. S. O., a military cross, a military medal, a D. S. M. and an O. B. E., fifth class Portrait taken from a magazine of Viscount Montbatten wearing various medals; these medals were also exhibited.

Mr. Downing: A complete collection of the 24 known varieties of the U. S. cents of 1803.

Mr. Erlanger: Medal by Vestner for the opening of the Veterans' Hospital in Budapest in 1714, square medal on the Children's Peace Celebration at Augsburg in 1704 by Nurnberger, Friendship medal by P. H. Muller.

Mr. Gibbs: Klippe double silver plates of Siebenburgen or Transylvania 1652, 1653 and 1678, each containing two coins.

Mr. Girolamo: Two cent pieces from 1864 to 1871, 27 coins of Hungary from 1674 to 1943; 19 new acquisitions.

Mr. Kortjohn: Complete set of two cent pieces, two pattern two cent pieces, 31 coins of Hungary; specimen proof set of 1947 of South Africa.

Mr. May: Seventeen British decorations and war medals of the reigns of Edward VII and George V; Hungarian Cross of Merit, fifth class; 1947 French 10 franc piece in nickel silver.

Mr. Mertik: Curacao $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ guilder and $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 cent pieces of 1947, minted at Utrecht; zinc coinage for the Netherlands issued during the German occupation, also three coins never issued; Anton Mussert medal.

Mr. Ruditsky: Ten tie pins of miniature medals, new Czechoslovak medal.

Mr. Sghia: Eleven crowns of Hungary.

Mrs. Stein: Kreutzor of Hungary of 1688.

Mr. van der Meer: Bleyensteinsche duit of Utrecht.

Mr. Von Mohra: Kings South Africa Gordon Highlands, Royal Irish Rifles of World War I, medals of British Crimea, Abyssinia and Egypt; Hungarian Order of Merit.

Mr. Wagner: 11 military medals of Great Britain, Austrian commander's star of Order of Francis Joseph, Italian grand officer's star of the Order of the Crown.

Topics for the September meeting will be the U. S. three cent coins and bills, coins of countries beginning with the letter H, except Hungary, and miscellaneous decorations of small and remote countries.

—MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB—The 171st regular meeting was held September 3rd, at the Hotel Granada, Brooklyn, New York with President Nat E. Heft in the chair. 27 members and 12 guests participated in the activities of the evening.

Messrs. Ryan, Klaif, Kortjohn and Heft reported on the highlights of the A. N. A. convention held at Buffalo, New York. They were all in agreement that it was one of the finest conventions ever held.

Harry J. Stein read a paper giving a complete history of the famous 1933 U. S. double eagle. In a splendid presentation of the subject he traced the life and death of this coin, its original minting and the subsequent declaration of illegality.

Messrs. Klaif, Knoth, Kraus and Schwartz were appointed a nominating committee to present nominations for the offices of the Brooklyn Coin Club at the November meeting.

Exhibits by members and guests were as follows:

Mr. Arthur: Tetradrachm of Macedonia under the Romans, 158-149 B. C. showing the bust of Artemis on the obverse.

Mr. Blake: 3 National Banknotes on Brooklyn Banks which are now out of existence.

Mr. Feldman: \$2. bill wearing the signature of Snyder.

Mr. Franklin: 1943 five cent piece struck on a 1943 one cent steel planchet; 1944 double struck cent.

Mr. Gracer: U. S. patterns and proof sets.

Mr. Heft: \$2.—1899 note of Napier and Thompson #44444; National Bank note of Vineland, N. S. without bank signatures.

Mr. Hollander: Breast star of Pour Le Merite of Bulgaria with crossed swords; Breast star of House order of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha; Gold Russian medal of St. Anne.

Mr. Horowitz: 6 English condors; Lady Godiva Coventry halfpenny.

Mr. Kaplan: Hungary 5 pengo, three 2 pengo pieces and a replica of a pattern for international use.

Mr. Kimpfner: 12 different coins from Gordianus III to Postumus.

Mr. Klaif: Gold bu of Japan; 1802 over 1801 quarter eagle.

Mr. Kortjohn: 1947 proof set of the Union of South Africa; Cyprus: 45 Piastres of George V and 18, 9 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ piastres of George VI all in silver.

Mr. Kraus: New Guinea six and three pence of 1943 and 1944 in nickel.

Mr. Maley: Canada: 1947 set from one cent to one dollar and a one dollar note; Numismatic

Gallery souvenir of the A. N. A. convention at Buffalo.

Mr. Mertik: Viet Nam: 5 hao dated 1946 in aluminum; French Indo-China: 1 and 5 centime 1943 in aluminum also 1 centime 1940 in zinc; Denmark: 40 different types of the 20th Century; Greenland: 9 different types of the 20th Century.

Mr. Nicoletti: 1947 convention medal.

Mr. Rice: Crown size coins of the world; Medal of the Numismatic Society of Belgium dated 1846.

Mr. Silverman: 1947 South African crown.

Mr. Stein: Tetradrachm of Demetrius Poliorcetes showing Poseidon on the reverse; Gold stater of Alexander the Great.

Mr. Susskind: Denmark: 3 copper types of skillings 1771; 12 skillings 1812 being a restrike of a 1771 skilling; Rigsbank skilling 1818; 2 skillings 1810; 1 skilling 1813; $1\frac{1}{5}$ R(igsbank) B S(killing) 1842. Danish West Indies: silver 20 cents 1862, XII skillings 1767 and 3 cents 1859. Schleswig-Holstein: 1 sechsling 1851 and 1 dreiling 1850. Greenland: 2 Kroner 1922.

Prof. Zygmant: Sikh bronze coin of Ranjit Singh (A. D. 1819-1839) struck at Amritsar in A. D. 1828. The inscription in Gurmukhi characters reads: struck at the distinguished city of Amritsar in the prosperous year of 1885 (samvat). The reverse reads: the distinguished teacher NANAK, the eternal protector.

—IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB—Twenty-five members and guests attended the 234th meeting of the club, held at the Philatelic Club House, September 2. In addition to routine business, two new members were added to the roster, namely, S. J. Kabealo and his daughter, Miss May L. Kabealo, who have recently taken up residence in Pasadena.

Harold M. Budd, authority on Carson City coins, gave a resume of his recent visit to that capital, and called attention to the fact that this mint, in operation only a few years, had been something of a political plaything, having been opened under Republican administration and closed when the Democratic party was in power.

S. M. Koepfel presented a large exhibit including many Canadian tokens, U. S. colonial coins and pattern pieces, pine tree shillings and other numismatic gems. Of particular interest was a Washington pattern piece supposed to have been made from silver furnished by Martha Washington. Mr. Koepfel discoursed informally upon the various exhibits and answered many questions concerning dates, authenticity, history and value of the coins shown. The display, and discussion shared by speaker and listeners, proved highly educational as well as interesting.

President Larson announced that no change would be made in the manner of holding auctions during the present year.

—EARLE K. STANTON, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB—The 343rd meeting was held Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Museum of Science and Industry at the invitation of Major Lenox R. Lohr, President of the Museum. There were 96 members and guests present with I. T. Kopicik, President of the club presiding.

The resignation of Leslie J. Greenwald was read and accepted. He was in good standing.

President Kopicik read the names of A. N. A. Officers and Directors elected at the Buffalo Convention. He then spoke briefly about the convention and called on Harold Klein, newly elected Second Vice President, who also made a short report on the convention which was probably the best convention ever held by A. N. A. Our club was represented at the convention by 27 Resident members, 6 Non-resident members and 14 non-member wives and daughters. All agreed that it was a wonderful convention.

Major Lohr then gave a fine talk on hobbies

and man's instinct for collecting. The Major has 30 hobbies and he told us about some of them such as: butterflies, playing cards, guns, old autos and pattern coins. He spoke about the search for new specimens, research work done, and the pleasure and satisfaction that a collector receives from accomplishment. Several interesting stories were told about his own and others' collecting activities. Major Lohr believes that every man should have a hobby.

After Major Lohr's talk we were shown an interesting motion picture titled "The Story of Money."

H. A. Seaby of London, England, was a very welcome visitor. He was asked to address the meeting and his first comment was about our attendance of near 100 as compared with attendance of about a dozen members at meetings of the Numismatic Societies in London. An interesting statement was made that collectors in England do not collect dates and mint marks but only collect types, the principal reason for this being that the coinage of England dates back to about 300 B. C. and therefore includes a great many types. Mr. Seaby answered a number of questions asked by our members.

Motion was made and carried "that a letter be written extending thanks and appreciation to Major Lohr and his staff for his invitation to hold our meeting at the Museum and for the fine program provided."

William (Bill The Coin Man) Brimlow, of Elkhart, Indiana was a visitor.

Mr. Boyer then spoke briefly about the early Chicago Numismatic Association and the organization of the Chicago Coin Club in 1919. He also spoke about a book written in 1817 about an English settlement in Southern Illinois. Mr. Boyer has recently visited Albion in the vicinity of this old settlement.

Mike Powills was en route to New England and sent greetings to the Club and regretted that he could not be with us.

Major Lohr then offered to open the exhibition hall in which he has his collection of old autos. His offer was eagerly accepted and we saw an interesting exhibit of autos dating from 1900 to 1933.

Our meeting was held in one of the Museum's several theatres which was well-equipped with air conditioning, comfortable seats, movie projection room, etc.

The exhibits, which were displayed in another room, were by:

Major Lohr: Four cases of pattern coins—

Mr. Beebe: Type set commemorative half dollars in plastic; type set commemorative gold in plastic; 1936 Vatican set in plastic; 1879 proof set in plastic; 1920 silver and bronze dollar commemorating opening in Manila Mint.

Mr. Cahall: Type sets of 20th Century coins of the World.

Mr. Lasky: Russia—Beard Tax Token—copper kopek of 1705 issued to show Beard Tax "Peter the Great" had been paid; Hesse-Cassel-Germany, Crown of Thaler, dated 1776, probably used to pay the Hessian mercenaries during our Revolution, called "Blood Money;" Spain, gold, 2 ducat, Ferdinand and Isabella (1474-1504) issued during period of Columbus' voyage to America.

Mr. Molnar: Complete series of Imperial base metal coins, British India, also representative types of East India Company and Native Indian States.

Mr. Smedley: Types and varieties of U. S. quarters represented by 16 pieces.

Mr. Johnson: (List not turned in).

—EARL C. BROWN, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 187th meeting was called to order by Vice President Warner at 7:30 p. m. on July 14, in the Neil House. Twenty-seven members and three guests were present.

William Heibel, Jr., Mary Lou Lowder, Melvina Geiger, Nancy Ann Gregg and Louis Weissman were accepted to junior membership. First reading was held on Ted A. Shanks' application. Mr. Warner gave a report on the State convention. Mrs. Henderson called for a note of thanks to Mr. Stluka and all committee members for their work in connection with the convention. Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Burton and Mr. Andrews talked on the coming A. N. A. convention to be held in Buffalo.

Guests and visitors were introduced. The following discussed their exhibits: Mr. Rodecker, U. S. coins; Nancy Gregg, complete U. S. dollars and gold set given her by her grandfather, Mr. Rodecker; Mr. Geiger, type sets of Canada, Cuba, Cambodia and Cyprus. Also a discussion of King Victor Emanuele's books on Italian coins. Mr. Andrews displayed Ohio bank notes.

—JOHN A. DAWSON, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 188th meeting was held August 11th in the Neil House. Vice President Warner presided over the meeting, attended by 21 members and three guests. The official ballot of the A. N. A. was discussed and the Club's choice of candidates was determined. Mr. Ted Shanks was elected to membership and three new applications were received. The Club picnic will be held August 16th at the country home of Charles Clark. Mr. Geiger again had a number of the coin books belonging to the Club on display. He also displayed a collection of Roman coins. Reverend Copeland exhibited a complete set of cents, including the 1856 flying eagle. Mr. Wilhelm was named the Club's official representative to the A. N. A. convention.

—JOHN A. DAWSON, Secretary

DETROIT COIN CLUB—The 497th regular meeting held August 7 at the Book-Cadillac Hotel with 31 members and guests in attendance. James Curto occupied the Chair.

Earl C. Schill was elected a member.

President Curto called on Mr. Rapp for a report on the 500th meeting medal and Mr. Rapp advised that he had received word from August Frank of Philadelphia that they would accept the order and meet the deadline if order was received at once, as they planned to close down during August for vacations. Mr. Rapp advised that he had given them the order to go ahead, even though the price was high, and that he was satisfied that we would receive a very excellent job.

Mr. Reidenbach, the designer of our 500th meeting medal, requested permission to present to Mr. Rapp, for his personal use, the original drawings of the 500th meeting medal when same are returned from the die sinker. There being no objections from any member present, Mr. Rapp thanked Mr. Reidenbach for his generous offer.

Clifton Temple advised that several of the members had approached him with reference to rewarding Mr. Reidenbach, the designer of our 500th meeting medal, who had donated his services and also those of a fellow worker who had helped him. After a short discussion, a motion by Mr. C. Temple was supported by Mr. Stehfest that two bronze and two silver medals be presented to Mr. Reidenbach for his efforts in our behalf. Motion carried.

President Curto called on Mr. Stehfest, Chairman of the entertainment committee for a report on our 500th meeting banquet. Mr. Stehfest advised that he had made plans for dinner at the Dearborn Inn on October 2nd, 1947 at 7:00 P. M. and that the cost would be approximately \$3.00 per plate plus tax and tips and requested an expense account of \$125.00 to cover the cost of the entertainment and incidentals. A motion by Mr. McPherson was supported by Mr. Holmes that the entertainment committee be allowed up to \$125.00 to cover.

President Curto called on Jim Reynolds, our speaker of the evening, to tell us some of his most interesting experiences as a coin dealer. Mr. Reynolds responded in his usual interesting and informal way, taking us back to the days of his first job with a coin dealer to his present new store in Flint, Michigan. He told us of several instances where he was very fortunate in procuring collections which were very profitable investments and also some of his purchases which did not turn out well from a financial standpoint.

—KENNETH A. FULTON, Secretary

HANFORD COIN CLUB—The regular monthly meeting was held jointly with the San Joaquin Valley Coin Club of Fresno on Tuesday Sept. 2nd in the banquet room of the Chinese Pagoda. President Fred E. Tinkham presiding.

Thirteen members of the Hanford club and five members of the Fresno club with ladies and guests were present.

After a Chinese dinner, our guest of the evening, Edward Fogler, newly elected member of the board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association gave a very interesting account of the A. N. A. convention and a preview of what we may look forward to in the future in regards to the A. N. A.

—FRED E. TINKHAM, Secretary

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was held Friday evening, September 5th at the Western Electric Company's Hawthorne Works, Chicago, Illinois. There were 34 members and guests in attendance. President Gustafson called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 P. M.

E. I. Apelman made a suggestion that the Club take action to protect the beneficiaries of a member in case of death. A motion was then made and seconded that a standing committee be appointed by the President to investigate the feasibility of a plan whereby the Club would assist the beneficiaries of a deceased member in handling his collection after the member's death.

Following the business meeting, the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Glenn R. Ostrander, Vice-President of the Chicago Coin Club, who spoke on the subject, "Crowns of Modern Europe." Mr. Ostrander gave a most interesting and informative lecture, and the fine exhibit of coins which he brought with him added greatly to his lecture material.

—DAVID W. SHEPARD, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was held at Virginia Street Temple, Charleston, West Va. July 21, with twelve members and guests in attendance.

M. W. Maret's name was submitted for application of membership.

Bernard Cobbs did a splendid job of framing our Certificate of Award for National Coin Week.

An interesting talk was given by Arque Bays on the grading and cleaning of coins.

—O. K. SCHULTZ, Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 164th meeting was held at the Newark Athletic Club, August 14th. Sixteen members and guests were present.

Special exhibits and talks on Odd and Curious Money were given by Mr. Knoke and Mrs. Brookes.

Award ribbons were distributed to those who exhibited during National Coin Week.

The Club vote was cast for the coming A. N. A. elections.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Becker: Medals of World's Columbian Exposition and New York World's Fair; Commemorative pieces of Iceland, 2, 5 and 10 kronen.

Mr. Gensheimer: Type set of U. S. half-cents.

Mr. Stieg: 3 die varieties of 1878 silver dollar; 2 major die varieties of 1935D.

Mr. Ullrich: Congo trade beads; Indian wampum; South Sea shark tooth money; African bills, French money of 1945, Moroccan minor coins.

Mr. Goodman: ½ cent 1795 to 1857, 1807 counterstamped TR, 1808 rev. 1800 to 06.

Mrs. Brookes: Collection of Odd & Curious Monies of the World.

Mr. Brookes: 1 Franc, 50 centimes 1942, Liban 2½ piasters, 1 India.

Mr. Douglas: Coins of Newark, England, Civil War tokens of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Knoke: Collection of Odd & Curious Monies of the World.

Mr. Brown: Republic of Indonesia notes 1 sen to 100 rupiah; New Jersey Seogui: Centennial Medal for Trenton.

Mrs. Douglas: Medals Comm. World's Fairs with portraits of Presidents.

Mr. Arthur: \$1.00 Legal tender 1928 signed J. Woods & Woodin; \$2 note, The New Jersey Protection and Lombard Bank (mentioning Jersey City opposite New York) dated June 22, 1835; 1795 Liberty and Security; 1793 Ship Half-penny.

Mr. Blake: Medals of Expositions, 4 French and 8 U. S.

Mr. Wade: Uncut sheet of 5 cent fractional currency protected with French gauze.

—MRS. DAMON G. DOUGLAS, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB—August 8, 1947 regular meeting. Damon Douglas, Vice-President, presided in the absence of our President, Mr. Spray. Sixteen members were present.

Topics for the evening: All United States Silver Dollars 1866-1935; Early State Coppers struck over other coins; New Jersey Banknotes; Coins of the British West Indies, 19th Century.

The following exhibits were made:

O. T. Sghia: Coins of British Guiana, West Indies, British Honduras, Jamaica, and St. Vincent; Eleven rolled cents.

A. W. Deas: Four Hudson Fulton Medals; One London Tube medal—; Turkey, 1 piastre, silver, 1860.

D. G. Douglas: Didrachm of Agrigentum.

V. L. Brown: Hungary, 5 forint 1947, silver; Hong Kong \$1, \$.5, \$.10 overprinted on notes of Japanese controlled Central Reserve Bank of China after liberation; Indonesia Republic, nine notes—1 sen to 100 rupiah.

W. R. Carpenter: U. S.—D. S. M., Air Medal, and American Defense Medal. British Groups (3) D. S. O. and Q. S. A.; D. S. M. 1914-15 Star; War & Victory. Punjab, bars, Chilianwala and Goojerat; India General Service bar for Persia and India Mutiny with General India bar. British Military Cross; Naval General Service with bar for Palestine 1936-1939; Middle East General Service with bar for Palestine. Hawaiian Order of Kalakana, with dollar and stamp of Kalakana.

L. Kusterer: 1882-S Dollar with only half of edge milled; Connecticut cent struck over a Nova Constellatio cent.

Herbert J. Erlanger: New acquisitions: Four medals by Hautsch; Congress of the Allies at the Hague 1691. Capture of Grosswardein 1692; Sea Battle of Cape La Hague 1692; Relief of the Siege of Turin 1706; Two medals by Vestner on the election and coronation of Emperor Charles VI. 1711.

B. Babbitt: British copper coins of Essequibo and Demerara. Trinidad, Bahamas, and Tobago.

L. O. Goodman: 1903 Indian head cents; Eight different die varieties; 1830 Large Cent N #9.

R. I. Nesmith: Piece of Eight, Potosi 1654.

Mrs. Damia Francis: Set of Peace dollars, uncirculated, U. S.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Eleven different series of Presidential medals.

John Francis: Morgan dollars 1878-1921-S.

Frank J. Katen: Antigua farthing 1836; Bahamas 1806 ¼d proof; Barbados—Moses Ta-

lanto $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ d; also, Indian Head obverse of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ d with different reverses, and Thomas Larlos $\frac{1}{4}$ d token; Bermuda $\frac{1}{2}$ d 1793 proof; Tobago, Cayenne sou counterstamped TB, and 1794 Mexico 8 reales punched for value of 3/6d; Trinidad 2 reales with lattice counterstamp.

An announcement was made of the recent death of Mrs. Edna Wormser, widow of Moritz Wormser, past President of this Club, and step-mother of our member, Charles Wormser.

Mr. Deas read several interesting clippings pertaining to numismatics.

The Executive Committee suggested as topics for the September meeting the following: California Gold pieces; Coins of the Balkans; Coins and notes of Haiti and the Dominican Republic; and, Bronze coins of Byzantine. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that these be the topics for the September meeting.

Mr. Brown reported on the meeting of the A. N. A. Committee which conferred with the officials of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., July 24, 1947, on the cleaning and preservation of coins in the National Museum.

Mr. Nesmith gave an interesting account of how he recently obtained some information from the Archives of the Indies about coinage in America around 1545.

—VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

OMAHA COIN CLUB—The 141st regular meeting was held at the Joslyn Memorial on September 5th, with eleven members and one visitor, Chester A. Carter, present.

The Secretary reported on the status of the club's library, and requested the members to add any material that they might have available, with the explanation that any material to which the owner wished to retain title, could be loaned to the club for the use of the members, and it would be subject to withdrawal at any time by the owner.

Mr. Pilmaier reported on attendance, advising that Mr. Hartman has had another heart attack, but is now back home from the hospital, although he has lost his voice as a result of the attack.

Mr. Ward reported on his observations at the ANA Convention held at Buffalo, New York, and Dr. Judd advised us of the results of the ANA election.

Applications for membership in the Omaha Coin Club were received for R. Wiprecht, General Auditor for U. P. R. R. and Chester A. Carter, heating and ventilating engineer. These applications were referred to the Secretary for consideration by the membership committee.

Dr. Judd advised the members of a request from Eugene Kingman of the Joslyn Memorial for an audience with us to outline his plan for developing exhibits in Medallie Art and Coinage at the Memorial, as a permanent exhibit, with specific emphasis to historic periods. Members expressed their unanimous desire to cooperate in the planning, and they requested Dr. Judd to invite Mr. Kingman to meet with us at his earliest convenience.

Exhibits by Joseph E. Ward: Pattern trade dollar of 1873; dime of 1917; proof trade dollar of 1876; Hawaii $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1883; China, 100 cash; necessity soldo of Milan, 1799; drachm of the Achean League; 1947 A. N. A. Convention badge.

—O. M. CAMPBELL, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB—The August 19th meeting was called to order by President Charles L. Ruby in Brea's Women's Club House promptly at eight P. M. In the absence of Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Secretary, who is enroute to Ecuador, South America, President Ruby appointed May Kabealo to act as Secretary.

Eighty-seven members and guests were present, including seven visiting members from other clubs. A report of the attendance thus far for 1947 was read to the club. This showed an

average of 102 people in attendance at each meeting.

President Ruby selected Joe Steel and Lucien Wilson to present a fifteen minute discussion on the pros and cons of the issuance of commemorative and whether they should be sold for more than face value. Each speaker is to present his side of the question in his allotted time of fifteen minutes at the September meeting.

Mr. Panosh, Secretary of the California State Numismatic Association, outlined the elaborate plans and progress of the State Convention to be held October 11th and 12th in Bakersfield. He extended an invitation for every one to attend. Interesting displays of coins will be made; auction and banquet will be featured. Many celebrities already have expressed their intention to be present and engage in the activities.

On motion made and passed upon, six applicants were formally elected to membership; This makes our total number of members exceed two hundred in active membership.

S. J. Kabealo gave a short but very interesting talk on auctions and later questions were answered.

President Ruby displayed complete sets of proof nickel and silver 3c pieces and gave a highly informative outline on the history and value of them. He stressed the point that every collector can add all the three types of the 3c silver and the one type of the 3c nickel without too much trouble and expense, even if the completion of either of these sets might be difficult and expensive.

Ralph Mitchell called enroute to the A. N. A. Convention. Three of our officials had already left for Buffalo.

Plenty of refreshments were served and an auction of 110 lots was conducted with S. J. Kabealo as our able auctioneer.

—MAY KABEALO, Secretary pro tem

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The August 11, 1947 meeting was called to order by President J. J. Padden. The meeting was commenced with the introduction of the 33 members and guests. M. A. Carter acted in the absence of the regular secretary. John Slusher told of the picnic at Felix Baranovich's on August 10.

The white elephant drawing (proceeds used for the annual banquet fund) was held and was won by John Slusher. Jack Casey suggested that two prizes be offered, one United States and one foreign. Motion was made and seconded that the white elephant be made self-supporting by taking half of the proceeds realized each time to purchase a desirable coin or coins for each lottery to follow. Motion carried.

Chet Momany suggested a revised method of holding the auction. Chris Petersen suggested an auction in which the entire proceeds go to the club.

Mr. Salerno suggested donation of coins to a museum where the public could view them. John Slusher proposed that a cabinet of coins be formed by the society. M. A. Carter suggested that a cabinet be formed for the purpose of lending coin displays to schools, libraries, and museums. Geo. Manning moved that the society form a cabinet by having a donation box at each meeting in which members could contribute coins. Mr. Slusher proposed an amendment to the motion to the effect that the club be authorized to liquidate undesirable specimens and use the money received from such sale to purchase desirable coins for the cabinet. Motion and amendment carried, the amendment with two dissenting votes.

Exhibits:

Frank Powell: U. S. half dollars 1795-1891.

Geo. Manning: An old fashioned Russian flat iron and charcoal burner.

Mrs. Minnie Nelson: Freak, off center Lincoln cents, Jefferson nickels, and mercury dimes.

Paul Christensen: Several coins of India.

Henry Yunker: Complete set of Liberty nickels.
Chet Momany: Set of uncirculated Jefferson nickels and various coins of Spanish America.

Frank Tarsia: A five dollar bill with orange seal and orange serial numbers.

Wendell Donaldson: Some 30 different wooden nickels and a bear tooth used as money by Indians in eastern United States.

—M. A. CARTER, Acting Secretary.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—

The 378th meeting was held at the Hotel Whitcomb on Wednesday, August 27, with 27 members and 27 guests present.

The program of the evening consisted of a round table discussion of crown sized coins of the world. Richard Webb opened the program with an interesting historical account on the origin and development of the coins and how they came to be called dollars, illustrating his talk from Mr. Werling's display of coins. Mr. Haas then discussed the American dollar including the Spanish milled dollars, which were used in our colonies before the revolution. Mr. Parker spoke on Irish Gun Money used in Ireland during the time of James II. The remainder of the evening was given over to the displays of the members, each member saying a few words on the coins in his exhibit.

The following members displayed coins at the meeting:

Mr. Werling: 65 Crowns, 5 multiple crowns, and a 50 real piece which is reputed to be the largest silver coin that was struck for actual circulation.

Mr. Haas: 53 Crowns of the world including Napoleonic coins, Spanish emergency issues, Cantonal dollars of Switzerland, and a rouble of Peter the Great.

Mr. Novak: 75 crowns of the world.

Mr. Crivaneck: 45 crowns and a Mexican 20 peso piece of Maximilian.

Mr. Parker: Irish Gun Money; new issues from England and Ghent, and a complete set of U. S. proof coins from 1936 to 1942.

Mr. Loret: Ancient coins including three Aes Grave pieces. Also a complete set of concentration camp Theresienstadt issue.

Mr. Roy Hill: 5 crowns including a "Three Brothers" crown of Saxony, 1595.

Mr. Wildes: 6 crowns from Europe and Egypt.
Mr. Ritchie: 5 crowns including a 1795 U. S. dollar.

—ALEXANDER W. RITCHIE, Ass't Sec'y

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB—Our Club's 146th regular meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M., Tuesday, August 19th, in the Traffic Club rooms in The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia. President Snyder was in the chair and there were 18 members and guests present.

The President appointed the following nominating committee to select the nominees for the officers positions for the next fiscal year—Wm. A. Schick, Jr., Chairman, David Ladley, Daniel J. McDonald, Jr., Howard W. Reeve, and Noel H. van Rockens.

A letter from Mr. B. A. Seaby, London, England, was read telling of his visit to America, the A. N. A. convention in Buffalo, and a possible visit to The Philadelphia Coin Club on September 16th.

The exhibits of the evening follow:

N. H. van Rockens: Six cards of U. S. type coins from the cent to the silver dollar.

Wm. A. Schick, Jr.: A 1918 over 17 quarter in very fine condition found in circulation.

D. J. McDonald, Jr.: A very fine collection of fugio cents in silver and copper. Washington cents in silver and copper. A large collection of various colonial coins, nova constellations, and a pewter dollar. Crosby's original book on colonial coins.

Joseph Brobst: Thirteen half cents, all rari-

ties—Twenty one proofs of years in which only proofs were issued—Three later proofs.

D. J. McDonald, Jr. read a very interesting and informative paper to us on the fugio cents.

Wm. A. Schick, Jr., conducted the Club's auction of more than 100 pieces.

—ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

RICHMOND COIN CLUB—The seventy-third regular meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lewis at 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday, August 13. Six members and one guest were present.

After transaction of regular business our President, Mrs. Lewis, welcomed our guest Joseph French Maley of New York City and he responded very nicely.

Mr. Howe, our vice-president, gave a progress report on the work of the Committee for the exhibit in 1948 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. He had already drawn plans for the amount of space allotted to the Club and sketched the various cases.

Our program for the evening, given by Mrs. Lewis, was on Paper Currency. Because of the prevailing heat she made her formal talk brief and the rest of the program was taken up with informal discussion of general numismatic topics and with the exhibits. The Club was and is greatly indebted to Mr. Maley, for his genial good fellowship and his contributions to our information and entertainment.

The exhibits for the evening were:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: Complete set of Fractional Currency, Unc.; Large and small currency through \$20. Unc., Confederate Currency Unc., Confederate restrike half dollar, U. S. Type sets in unc. and proof, Peace dollars Unc.; Sets of large and small cents and colonial coins.

Mr. Howe: Complete type set of U. S. gold and complete sets of 3c silver and nickel in proof.

—JAMES A. JOHNSON, JR., Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—

The 789th Regular Meeting was held on August 19, with President Francis Cady presiding. Twenty-six members and eight visitors were present.

Reports were made by Pittman and Eichorn on the coming Annual International Hobby Show to be held in the Rochester Armory from October 1st through the 10th.

George Bauer and John Pittman discussed the coming A. N. A. Convention in Buffalo and all the members and guests were invited to attend and see the displays of numismatic materials and participate in the activities.

The program of the evening was given by Frank Eichorn and consisted of a discussion and description of a number of new coins of various foreign countries. Difficulties in obtaining new foreign coins were pointed out as well as the fact that there appears to be gross overcharging by a number of persons for new foreign coins. Eichorn was thanked for his interesting discussion of this subject and comments by various members were made. In light of the points brought out in the program, it was moved, seconded, and passed that an Advisory Committee for Coin Purchases be set up. Thereby all members could be advised respecting the reasonableness of prices of coins before they were purchased. Foster, Kolb, Sunday, and McGowan were appointed to this committee with other Association members to act as neutral advisors if the committee could not make a decision.

Exhibits were:

F. B. Newell: 2 Books on Coins of Syracuse.
J. J. Pittman: Southern Rhodesia 1946, unc. set. Cyprus 1928 unc. 45 piastres, 1938 unc. 18, 9, 4 1/2 piastres.

—J. J. PITTMAN, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—

790th Regular Meeting was held on September

2, 1947 with President Francis Cady presiding. Twenty-one members and two visitors were present.

Robert L. was elected a member of the R. N. A.

Barney Bloom pointed out the nearness of the International Hobby Show to be held at the Rochester Armory on October 1-10, 1947. All members of the Association and their friends are invited to make displays.

By unanimous consent of the members, the secretary was instructed to write a letter of congratulations to Dr. Wild and all the members of the Buffalo Numismatic Association for the grand manner in which they put on the 1947 A. N. A. Convention in Buffalo, New York.

The program of the evening consisted of short talks by all the members of the R. N. A. who attended the A. N. A. Convention in Buffalo. Each member discussed the points that interested him most. At the conclusion of the separate discussions, a general discussion was held for the benefit of the members who did not attend so that questions could be asked.

Exhibits were:

C. W. Foster: 1 Leshor dollar.

J. A. Kirby: 1879—proof trade dollar, dollar and dime. Proof Isabella quarter. Proof Columbian half dollars of 1892 and 1893.

J. J. Pittman: 1925 Polish Mint set—gold, silver, bronze, and nickel in special holder as issued. Complete set of 20c pieces (except 1876CC) in proof and unc. condition. Hungary 1947 5-Förnt silver (head of Kossuth).

J. W. Sloane: Complete set of 3c nickel pieces proof and unc.

W. F. Sunday: 1799 silver dollar, extremely fine. 1806 half cent unc. with original red. 1796 cent unc. with original red.

—J. J. PITTMAN, Secretary

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The regular meeting was held at the U. S. National Museum on Monday, 4 August 1947, with President Jones presiding. Twenty-three members and two visitors were present.

Lieutenant M. L. Peterson, USN was admitted to Membership. Lt. Peterson specializes in coins of historical significance.

Mr. Hodge read an interesting letter from China from our fellow Member, Mr. Kagan Shih.

The Secretary read a letter from Reverend Arthur B. Coole expressing his appreciation of the Honorary Membership extended by the Society.

Mr. Weikert gave a report covering the action taken by the Congress during the last few days prior to adjournment in connection with the Commemorative Coin Bills.

President Jones announced that the subject of the September meeting would be, "Numismatic literature and reports from Members attending the American Numismatic Association Convention." This meeting will be held on 8 September, the President announced, in order to avoid conflict with Labor Day.

After discussion, the Society voted to delay the Annual Auction Meeting until later in the Fall.

For the program eight members exhibited paper money and spoke on their exhibits.

CAPTAIN O. H. DODSON, USN,
Secretary-Treasurer

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB—The 158th regular meeting was held at the New Rochelle Y. M. C. A. on August 19, President Weidhaas called the meeting to order at 8:30 P. M. and presided over the seventeen members and one guest present. The slate of candidates for official positions with the A. N. A. were next discussed and Mr. Bellus was given a proxy to cover the clubs vote. Various individual members also turned over proxies to Mr. Bellus with authority to cast their votes. Current activity and price trends in the coin market were discussed. The topics for the evening were "U. S.

small cents" and "Coins of the British Isles" and exhibits were made as follows:

Mr. Dewey: Copper coins of Geo. I, II and III; 3 pence and shilling of Queen Elizabeth; Jubilee florin of Queen Victoria; Maundy coins of Geo. V.

Mr. Lighte: 20 small cents of various types; 1882 Indian Head Cent, reduced in size from 19 mm. to mm., flanged and edge reeded; Set of aluminum store cards with Indian and Lincoln head cents imbedded in them, ladies brooch, made from an English Crown 1887, gold plated—obverse, bust of Queen Victoria with pin attached, reverse, St. George and dragon in enamel; English Cartwheel of 1797; 2½" bronze medal—obverse, bust of Geo. Clinton, first governor of New York, reverse, Stone Bldg. inscription to commemorate the Sesqui Centennial of the Founding of the Government of the State of New York at Kingston, N. Y. July 30, 1777—1927, 3" bronze medal bust of Jackson on obverse—Jackson Centennial Celebration, July 6, 1854—1929, Jackson, Michigan. Inscription, "Here under the oaks July 6, 1854, was born, The Republican Party." Destined in the throes of civil strife to abolish slavery, vindicate democracy, and perpetuate the Union."

Mr. Massey: 62 U. S. large cents 1794-1857; 11 British Conder tokens; 2 Eire coins.

Mr. Pearson: Set of unc. Lincoln cents; One thaler Prussia—1865; Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative half dollar.

Mr. Skipton: Gt. Britain—guinea 1777, crown 1937, dollar 1901, florin 1936, shilling 1887, penny 1797, 3 penny token 1813; U. S. unc. Indian cents.

Mr. Tancza: Paper money and coins of Australia—£1 note, 10 shilling, florin, shilling, six pence, three pence, 1 penny, 1 Falu-Morocco 1850.

Mr. Weidhaas: British coronation medals, 1685 James II, 1760 George III, 1897 Victoria 60th anniversary, 1818 George III, proof, Pistrucci crown; complete U. S. small cents 1857 to 1946.

Mr. Brooke was present with his collection of coins of the British Isles but so great was the number of pieces therein that his exhibit was necessarily held down due to space requirements. However he did show a fine lot of early silver pieces and also very graciously extracted special pieces which those present asked to see.

—WM. PEARSON, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB—

The 317th meeting was held at Hotel Carter, Wednesday August 13 with 31 members and guests present. Guests included Mr. Kale and Mr. Jaffee who were welcomed by the president.

Communications were read from Y. A. Sargis. The president announced the death of W. P. Beck on June 24.

W. F. McCaleb described how the bullet money of Siam was made and explained the difficulty of counterfeiting it and displayed a complete set of this money from the four tical to the one-thirty second tical.

The following exhibits were briefly described:

E. G. Bell: Silver medal of Prince Henry struck by the American Numismatic & Archeological Society, N. Y. 1902—Artist V. D. Brenner.

John Gregor: Bird of Paradise series of German New Guinea, Philippine commemorative set, 1847 Gothic crown of Queen Victoria, Swiss shooting thaler, 5 sol French Revolutionary bronze.

Fred Hahlen: Coins showing animal reverses including buffalo, badger, bear, horse, fish, eagle, birds, snakes, dragon and goat.

J. F. Sawicki: Eight bronze medals of Poland.

Joe Simko: 1938, 39 and 47 Canadian dollars.

A. P. Spencer: Seven bronze aces of Augustus. Michael Grant's new book, From Imperium to Auctoritas.

—AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary